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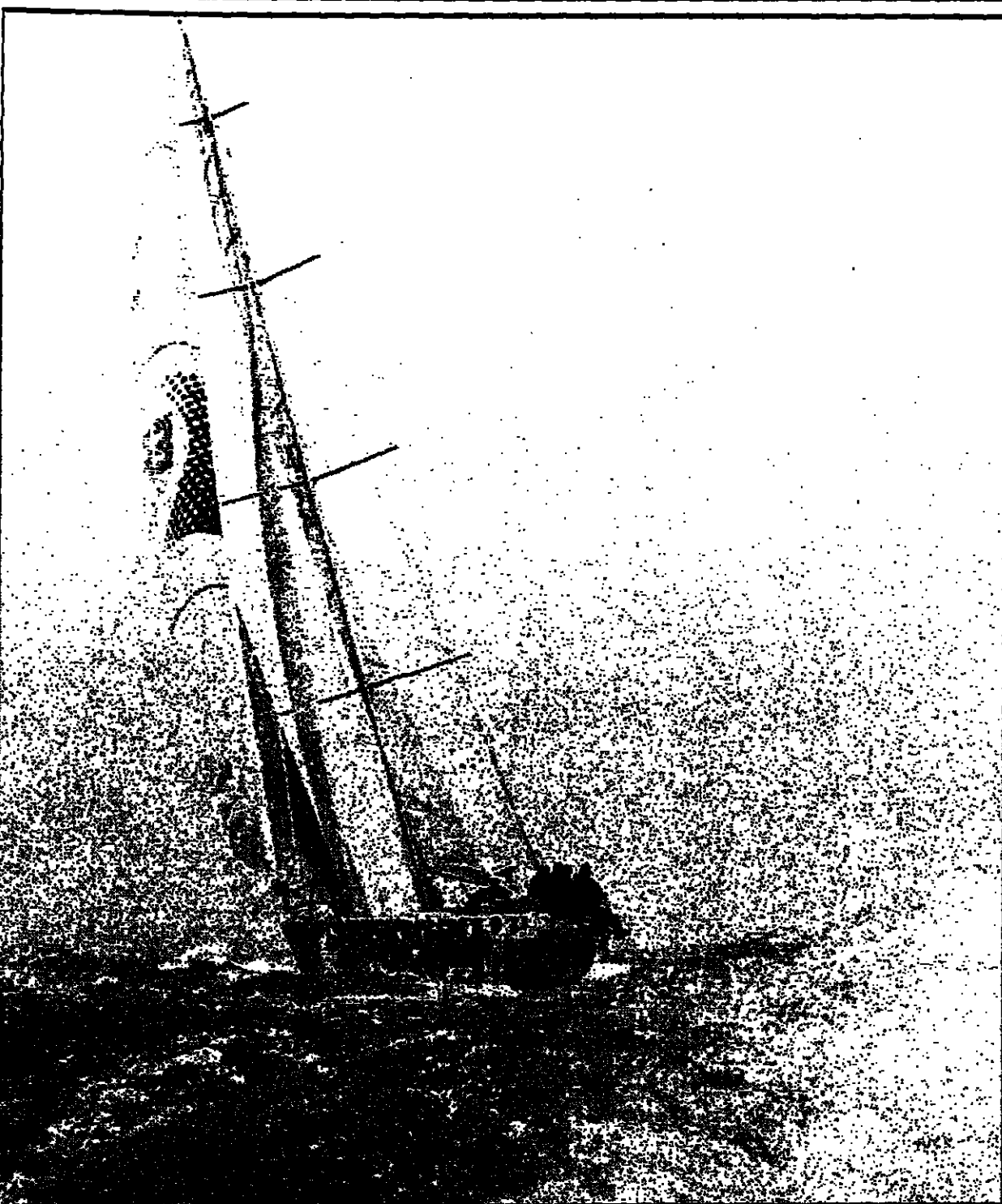
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## Arms row flares after Yes vote triumph Adams told: it's time to deliver

John Mulholland  
Ireland Correspondent

**D**AVID Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, last night signalled the next phase in Northern Ireland's political transformation when he demanded a clear pledge from Gerry Adams, the Sinn Féin president, that the IRA was finished with violence for good. Mr Trimble, buoyed by an impressive 71.1 per cent vote for the Good Friday agreement, said it was vital now that Sinn Féin realised there was neither support nor justification for undemocratic methods. The Yes campaign was backed by at least 95 per cent of nationalists.

Mr Trimble said: "The time has come for Mr Adams to deliver. It could start off with a clear statement that this equal little war is over; that there is a commitment to peaceful means; that there will be no return to violence."

Northern Ireland voted 71.1 per cent to 28.9 per cent in favour of the agreement. The turnout was 68 per cent and the result was announced on Saturday. Voters in the Irish Republic also ratified the deal. About 55 per cent turned out, backing the deal by 94.4 per cent to 5.6 per cent.

It was the first all-Ireland poll since 1918, when the result came on the 30th anniversary of the 1798 rebellion, when Protestant and Catholic

Irish joined forces against their English oppressors.

Mr Adams yesterday repeated his demands to meet Mr Trimble, who so far has refused to speak to him. Mr Adams wants to talk to him about this July's annual Orange march at Drumcree, near Portadown, Co. Armagh. He wants Mr Trimble, whose Upper Bann constituency includes Drumcree, to use his influence to stop it.

The march has sparked violent clashes for the past four years as the Orangemen tried to march down the nationalist Garvaghy Road there. There are fears this year's trouble will be the worst yet.



Order permission to march down the road. Tony Blair intervened, and told it to postpone the report, fearing it could badly hit the referendum campaign.

Mr Adams, the Northern Ireland Secretary, infuriated nationalists last year after the RUC forced a route through for the Orangemen. Police removed protesters who tried to block them.

That followed violent clashes the two previous years between police and loyalists when the RUC had tried to stop the march.

Mr Trimble, himself an Orangeman, is on weak ground at Drumcree. He won the leadership of the Ulster Unionists in 1995 after his hardline stance in backing the Orange men's right to march there.

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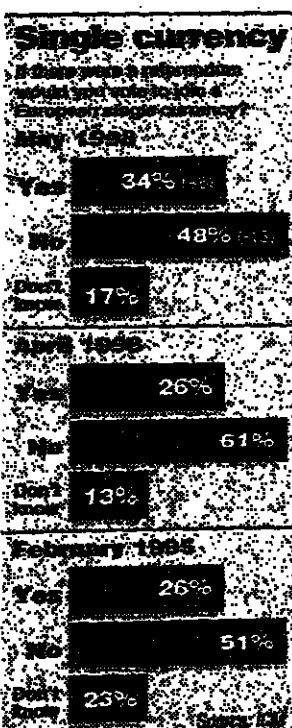
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## Britons take major awards at Cannes

Richard Williams on film festival triumph for star of alcoholic's story

**A** BRITISH actor and director won two of the main prizes at the Cannes Film Festival last night. Peter Mullan was named best actor for his powerful performance as a recovering alcoholic in Ken Loach's *My Name Is Joe*, while the veteran film-maker John Boorman received the Best Director award for *The General*, his version of the story of Martin Cahill, the Dublin crime boss assassinated by the IRA in 1994.

Mullan was said to be the unanimous choice of the 10-strong jury which included the actors Winona Ryder and Sigourney Weaver, the directors Chen Kaige and Michael Winterbottom, and the French rap star MC Solaar, under the chairmanship of Martin Scorsese.

Earlier films included *Training Day*, *Shallow Grave* and *Braveheart*, and Loach's *My Name Is Joe*, which won the award for Best Actor. Accepting the award he said: "Martin Scorsese said my

name. The next time he says my name and 'Action', I will be a very happy man."

His own directorial debut, a black farce called *Orphans*, set (like *My Name Is Joe*) in Glasgow, was showing out of competition in the festival.

The *Scott's chief opposition* was thought to have come from two far better known names, the Swiss actor Bruno Ganz and the Italian actor-director Roberto Benigni. Ganz stars in *Eternity And A Day*, by the revered Greek director Theo Angelopoulos, which was awarded the Palme d'Or, the festival's main prize. Benigni's film, *Life Is Beautiful*, received a much greater ovation from the audience in Palais des Festivals when it was given the Grand Prize, in effect the runner-up trophy.

The Best Actress award went to Elodie Bouchet and Natacha Régnier, respectively French and Belgian, for *La Vie Revue Des Anges*, the first feature film by Erick Zanca.

John Boorman, aged 65, made his debut in 1968 with



**Ken Loach, whose film took Best Actor award**

Catch Us If You Can, an exploitation film featuring the Dave Clark Five. He won praise in 1967 for *Point Blank*, which is to be released this summer, and took a director's award at Cannes in 1970 for *Leo The Last*, starring the late Marcello Mastroianni. In *The General*, which was shot in black and white, the Irish actor Brendan Gleeson does a remarkable job of impersonating the charismatic Cahill. Mastroianni was the first

choice of Angelopoulos to play the part of a dying author who revisits his past. In *Eternity And A Day*, but Ganz took it over when the Italian's long final illness worsened. It features serious philosophical inquiry and remarkable images, and has already been bought for British distribution.

The Jury Prize, a third-place award, was shared by *The Class Trip*, by the French director Claude Miller, and *Festen*, a Danish family drama by Thomas Vinterberg, both of which root their themes in the sexual abuse of children by parents.

The Best Screenplay went to the American writer-director-producer Hal Hartley for *Henry Fool*. The Camera d'Or, the first film, went to Marc Levin, another American, for *Slam*, which also took the Directors' Fortnight prize.

Second place in the short film competition was shared by two more British directors: Lynne Ramsay, another Scot, for *Gesmen*, and David Lodge, a graduate of the Royal College of Art, for *Forbesho*. The winner was Xavier Gnanou, of France, for *L'Interview*.

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# Ireland says yes

'The vote doesn't take the pain away... but this seems the only way we can move on'  
**Helena Trainor,**  
 Poyntzpass victim's cousin

## At the beginning of the end

Unionist 'No' camp threatens to pose constant headache for David Trimble in assembly

John Mullan  
 Ireland Correspondent

**T**HAT, believe it or not, was the easy part. Now the real battles begin, and Northern Ireland is braced for a leader of the Ulster Unionists, scored a resounding victory, and no one should take that away from him. He had sought 70 per cent at the outset of the campaign, and was still bravely warbling that tune on its last day. There were times, though, when it looked a distant prospect. Mr Trimble had a difficult time. The wrath of Ian Paisley and Bob McCartney can be fearsome, and mutinous splits in his own party hardly aided. Sinn Féin's cohesion sent shudders through the Ulster Unionist's Yes campaign. The British and Irish governments hardly helped. The appearance of the Balcombe Street IRA gang at Sinn Féin's annual conference was an

atrocious blunder. The parole of Michael Stone, the loyalist mass killer, was even worse. Because of the amazing television footage of his attack on an IRA funeral at Milltown cemetery in west Belfast, Stone's three murders in a gun and grenade attack there in 1988 are seared in the public mind. They are also, of course, much more recent than the Balcombe Street gang's. That he was granted parole at such a sensitive time in the knowledge that he would attack the Ulster Democratic Party's rally was a bad judgment. Law-abiding Unionists viewed his crimes at least as seriously as those of the four members of the Balcombe Street gang, and it served only to fuel fears over the prisoners. But that all this happened on the same night as Tony Blair's second emergency dash to Northern Ireland to stem the seething Unionist vote was beyond belief. His visit was overshadowed, and the No camp made big inroads.



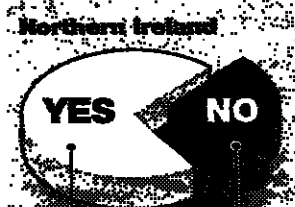
Delight in the King's Hall, Belfast. PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN WRIGHT

The Yes lobby probably only got right for three days of the campaign. But they were the last three days. It was a tad embarrassing at the time, but Mr Trimble and John Hume, leader of the SDLP, carried off their appearance with U2 and Ash at the Waterfront Hall pretty well. The concert's image

deal, and that leaves scope for the Democratic Unionist Party and UK Unionists. Take their figures first. They say that because Unionist parties attracted 51 per cent of the vote in the past three elections, a 26 per cent No vote meant a majority of Unionists rejected the deal. That assumes, heretically, a negligible nationalist No vote. Mr Trimble defined it differently. He said that 62 per cent of the electorate was Protestant, so the No lobby needed at least 31 per cent. And anyway, he believed several percentage points came from republican hardliners opposed to the deal. The Northern Ireland Office (NIO) had yet another calculation. Allowing for 95 per cent of nationalists backing the agreement, a Unionist majority kicked in at 67 per cent. Anything more and the gap widened. The Sunday Times, in its exit poll, believed Unionists backed the deal by 55 to 45 per cent. That just about coincided with the NIO's analysis.

Robin Wilson, director of the independent think-tank Democratic Dialogue, believes most Protestants voted for the deal, but a majority of Unionists may have voted against. That disparity is partly explained by the Alliance Party, which has about 11 per cent of the vote, about two-thirds of it Protestant. It is not regarded as Unionist in any of the previous calculations. So Dr Paisley and Mr McCartney might have been cheered out of the King's Hall on Saturday, but the fight for Unionism is very much alive. Sydney Elliott, professor of politics at Queen's University, calculates that a 29 per cent vote repeated for the two parties on June 25 would create big difficulties for Mr Adams. That would give the Unionist No bloc 30 seats in the 108-seat assembly. Although his analysis assumes the entire No vote was Unionist, he believes hardline Unionist parties might pick up Yes voters who want tough assembly representatives. With 30 seats the No bloc

### How they voted



**Republic of Ireland**

YES NO

71.12% 28.88%

678,868 votes 227,532 votes

Difference 1,377,400

○ Turnout 82.09% (1992: 71.12%)

**What happens next?**

June 1998

Assembly to meet for Northern Ireland Assembly elections.

June 25

Electoral pact for the two parties to be signed. The pact will be signed by the two parties on the day of the referendum.

**Early July**

First meeting of the assembly as a 'shadow body'. Its first task will be to set up cross-border bodies with the Irish Republic and elect representatives. Elections will be held for a chairman, first minister and deputy first minister. The first meeting will also agree on strategy issues and provide guidelines.

**August**

As soon as possible after this a North-South Ministerial Council will be set up to deal with cross-border issues. It will include representatives from British, Irish, Northern Ireland, and Scottish and Welsh Governments.

**October 31**

Deadline for choosing areas for cross-border co-operation.

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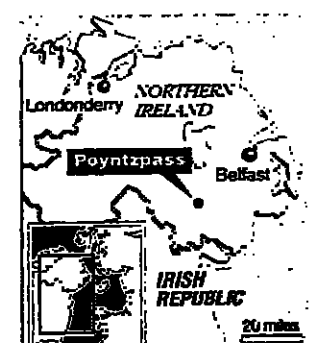
Legislation passed by Westminster formally establishing assembly and transferring real power.



'The two communities have lived together without any trouble,' said Helena Trainor, whose cousin was shot dead in March. PHOTOGRAPH: PAUL McERLANE

## Killers' last target looks to the future

**On the ground/**  
 'This seems the only way we can move on,' say the villagers of Poyntzpass



Stuart Millar in Belfast

**P**OYNTZPASS was a village in celebration yesterday. Outsiders may have been hard pushed to notice: there was no cheering, no backslapping, no champagne. But behind their tidy front doors, the inhabitants of the tiny farming community tucked between the Armagh hills were quietly giving

thanks that Northern Ireland had taken a small step towards leaving the past behind. This is a village which feels more keenly than most what is at stake. On March 3, two best friends — one a Roman Catholic, the other a Protestant — were murdered by loyalist gunmen as they drank together in the wood-paneled confines of the Railway Bar. It was on a wet day much

like yesterday that thousands of mourners watched as Damien Trainor and Philip Allen were laid to rest in the small Catholic and Presbyterian churchyards where their graves await headstones. The scarred hills on the bar's floor may be the only remaining sign of that terrible night, but the killings changed life in Poyntzpass beyond measure. In this part of rural Northern Ireland they had felt protected from the worst of the troubles. Then two masked men burst into the bar, ordered the seven customers on to the floor, and began firing. Eleven weeks on, the village is looking to the future, hoping these killings will go down in history as the last in 30 years of sectarian violence. At the local shop villagers were going about their normal Sunday life, popping in for pints of milk and for the papers filled with headlines trium-

phantly announcing the massive Yes vote. Behind the counter, Helena Trainor, Damien's cousin, admitted it had been a long haul. 'This village will never forget what happened that night. It is so fresh it sometimes feels like last night.' Although welcome, the Yes vote 'doesn't take the pain away. We still have worries and doubts. But this seems the only way we can move on.' Foremost among these worries is the issue of prisoners. Three members of the Loyalist Volunteer Force from the nearby town of Banbridge will stand trial for the murders. A fourth man was also arrested, but was strangled by LVF inmates in the Maze prison after co-operating with police. Even if they are convicted, these men will be released within two years under the terms of the agreement which the vil-

lagers backed last Friday. Yet Damien's father Sean believes the anguish both families will suffer at their release will be a worthwhile price if the agreement delivers peace. 'I would never want them to get out,' Helena Trainor said. 'But if the likes of Sean are saying he can live with it, who are we to say different? He is one of the people who has lost the most.' Coleman, one of her customers, was not so sure. 'I suppose people say move forward,' he said. 'But if I had a son or daughter killed I'd want to see the people who did it rot.' Mrs Trainor added: 'People always say that we are strange in this village, because the two communities have lived together without any trouble. I believe we are normal, and I hope the referendum result proves that there are more like us across Northern Ireland.'

## Sinn Féin seeks poll allies as its star wanes

**Nationalist dilemma/**  
 SDLP's gains worry Adams

John Mullan

**M**OST politicians, exhausted by the long referendum campaign, were looking forward to a couple of days off at the beginning of the week before starting all over again for the June 25 assembly elections. After all, the Yes versus No battle had lasted six weeks. It had immediately followed the intensive, stressful multi-party negotiations at Stormont which led to the Good Friday agreement. Not, though, Sinn Féin. Hours before the historic result, Gerry Adams and his team were already preparing their strategy for the assembly elections. Mr Adams, Sinn Féin's president, suggested an electoral pact with the SDLP to maximise the nationalist vote. It appeared a spontaneous thought but was quickly followed up in radio interviews with Sinn Féin's chairman, Micheál MacLaughlin, and Martin McGuinness, Mr Adams's deputy and MP for Mid-Ulster.

SDLP sources dismissed the notion as absurd. They see no benefit in an electoral pact for an election determined by single transferable vote. One SDLP figure said: 'Who else are their people going to vote for second if not us?' Mark Durcan, one of the SDLP's key players, saw the aim as an attempt to keep Sinn Féin centre stage, a ploy to avert what Sinn Féin most fears: a deal in the assembly between the Ulster Unionists and the SDLP to return politics to the centre ground, after a talks process defined by the margins. The SDLP feels its crucial role in the agreement has been underplayed. The deal is pretty close to what it argued for a quarter of a century ago, in the final stages at Castle Buildings it was the SDLP and the Ulster Unionists who between them found the solutions. Sinn Féin at that point was close to walking away. But it

stayed to concentrate on the issues which have caused Unionists most problems: police reform, the release of paramilitary prisoners and the issue of decommissioning terrorists' weapons.

It won on those points, but in doing so realised that the Ulster Unionists and SDLP could forge an effective working relationship. It is this issue that will determine the future path of politics in Northern Ireland: whether the assembly is defined by relative consensus between the two parties or by the polarisation between the Ulster Unionist Party leader, David Trimble, and Mr Adams.

To emphasise that distinction, which is useful to him, Mr Adams repeated his plea to Mr Trimble to meet him. Sinn Féin knows its request, oozing reason, underscores in the public eye the perceived intransigence of the Ulster Unionists. Another element of the same strategy came yesterday when Mr Adams raised the prospect of trouble at Drumcree. He urged the Orange Order to avoid the nationalist Garvaghy Road, blighted for 50 years, in July.

Sinn Féin is a smart outfit. Its united political machinery can squeeze big gains from even the worst of situations. Its members are fearlessly committed. Its representatives in the assembly, for example, will pass their £36,000 salaries to party funds, relying on a modest stipend. But an exit poll in the Sunday Times — carried with extra details in the paper's Irish editions — shows Sinn Féin's support is down to 19 per cent from a high of 15 per cent in the July 1996 election for the peace forum. It also demonstrates a strong leap in SDLP support. At 28 per cent, it is more than twice as big as Sinn Féin, a rise of 7 per cent on its forum result. On the basis of the referendum result, the SDLP emerges as the largest single party in the assembly, with 32 seats, and the dynamics of its relationship with Sinn Féin are likely to be key, particularly over decommissioning. The SDLP's leader, John Hume, although expected to stand for the assembly, is likely to forgo the expected post of deputy first minister. It is thought this will instead be Seamus Mallon, his long-serving deputy.

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# Ireland says yes

## Ulster faces a new dirty war

'We all feel like Palestinians down here: people trapped without a state'  
**Paddy Short,**  
Crossmaglen landlord

can demand that votes are taken on a cross-community basis. That means key decisions must be backed by a 50 per cent weighted majority of members. That figure must include the backing of at least 40 per cent of both Unionist and nationalist.

If Mr Trimble fails to ensure the selection of loyal candidates, several Ulster Unionist Party members might join with the DUP and UK Unionists in some votes. Mr Trimble or John Taylor, who might instead be deputy first minister, would be left with a constant headache, developing perhaps into paralysis.

The Sunday Times exit poll conducted by Coopers and Lybrand, though, offers Mr Trimble more comfort than Prof Elliott's doomsday scenario. Had the new Northern Ireland assembly been elected last Friday, it indicates that the DUP would have taken 16 seats and UK Unionists one.

Mr Trimble's Ulster Unionists are — on 31 seats — pipped as the biggest party by a resurgent SDLP, with 32. Sinn Fein

is on 15; the Alliance six; the Progressive Unionist Party five; and one each for the Ulster Democratic Party and the Women's Coalition.

After the elections, the assembly's first function will be to decide who the first minister and first deputy minister are in the power-sharing executive. They will be elected on the basis of parallel consent — by a majority of both Unionist and nationalists. An assembly close to Prof Elliott's suggestions could mean stalemate at the first hurdle.

But if that sounds a little sticky, the assembly's next job appears an impossibility: to form the 12-member power-sharing executive. Each party will be allocated places in proportion to its size in the assembly. It will also have to agree to a duty of service. That is designed to stop the DUP wrecking the cross-border dimension, and it is difficult to see how it could form part of the cabinet.

But Sinn Fein will have two seats. The IRA will not have decommissioned any of its



A delighted Mo Mowlam and junior minister Paul Murphy

weapons, and Mr Trimble has pledged never to sit with Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness until it does.

Mr Trimble has allowed decommissioning to be sidelined before. He knows it will never happen, but after all the controversy during the campaign it is difficult to see how he can back down on it again.

Mr Blair did much to reassure Unionist doubters he was serious that the IRA had to decommission. No doubt he is, but the agreement offers no guarantees. Participants confirm only that they will work with the Independent Commission on Decommissioning, and that they will strive to have all weapons

handed in within two years. That stops short of blocking Sinn Fein from going into the power-sharing executive. Mr Adams has his defence in place: Sinn Fein draws its legitimacy solely from the ballot box. To deny its voters their rights by excluding the party would be another example of British discrimination.

It is difficult to imagine ways out of this impasse. The Government could pledge a large army pullout from Northern Ireland in return for the IRA tipping it off to a token weapons dump. A reduced number of soldiers would probably mean a rise in the number of intelligence officers.

Unionist doubters are annoyed that there was never any linkage of the effective amnesty programme to decommissioning. But the legislation for the accelerated release of paramilitary prisoners is soon to go through the Commons. That issue is now settled.

The thorny question of RUC reform is on the back burner.

Chris Patten, the former Hong Kong governor, will come up with his recommendations in a year's time.

Should the executive get up and running, it will have until October 31 to agree what cross-border bodies should be set up. If it fails to do so, and that is a real possibility, the inter-dependent nature of the agreement would mean the assembly would be scuppered.

A British-Irish council seems the least controversial element. It will eventually include representatives from Westminster, the Irish parliament and the Scottish and Welsh assemblies.

There will be a long period in which the assembly shadows the six existing Northern Ireland departments. Assuming all crises are negotiated, legislation will establish the assembly and transfer powers from London in January.

That is way beyond the horizon. Saturday's result was hardly the end or its beginning. But it was the end of the beginning.

Failure to agree establishment of cross-border bodies would torpedo the new parliament

## Paisley allies will fight back despite first round losses

**The Unionist dilemma: old rump vs new liberals**

John Mulholland

AT LEAST the injuries were only to his pride. Ian Paisley was chanted out of the King's Hall, Belfast, after the result was announced to the strains of "Cheerio, cheerio, cheerio". His one-time supporters, now the loyalist fringe outfits, the Progressive Unionist Party and the Ulster Democratic Party, gleefully delivered a raucous rendition of "I'm a Yesterday Man".

But Mr Paisley's wounds will quickly heal, and the fight will go on. Rounds one and two lost, but all to play for in round three.

Along with Bob McCartney, the UK Unionist leader, the No campaigners will fight hard to retain the 28 per cent vote achieved on meagre resources on Saturday. That would cause David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists, serious problems in the assembly.

Mr Trimble's task, meanwhile, is to woo back as many of the "soft No" camp as possible. He also wants his constituency associations to ensure it adopts candidates who are committed to making the assembly work. He is likely to be reasonably successful.

The United Unionists — the No campaign amalgam of the DUP, UK Unionists, and Ulster Unionist refusniks — are expected to put up candidates. But, although Mr Trimble had allowed his party members to campaign against the deal, any Ulster Unionists becoming involved would be kicked out of the party.

He could lose at least one of his nine parliamentary colleagues. Willie Thompson, the maverick MP for West Tyrone, is so seething of the agreement and trenchant about Mr Trimble's leadership that the party hierarchy would be glad to see him join Dr Paisley's DUP.

But if Willie Ross, MP for East Londonderry, went too, it would be a blow. His criticisms have been pointed, but he is well respected and Mr Trimble, who is now in a position of some strength, would like to be magnanimous.

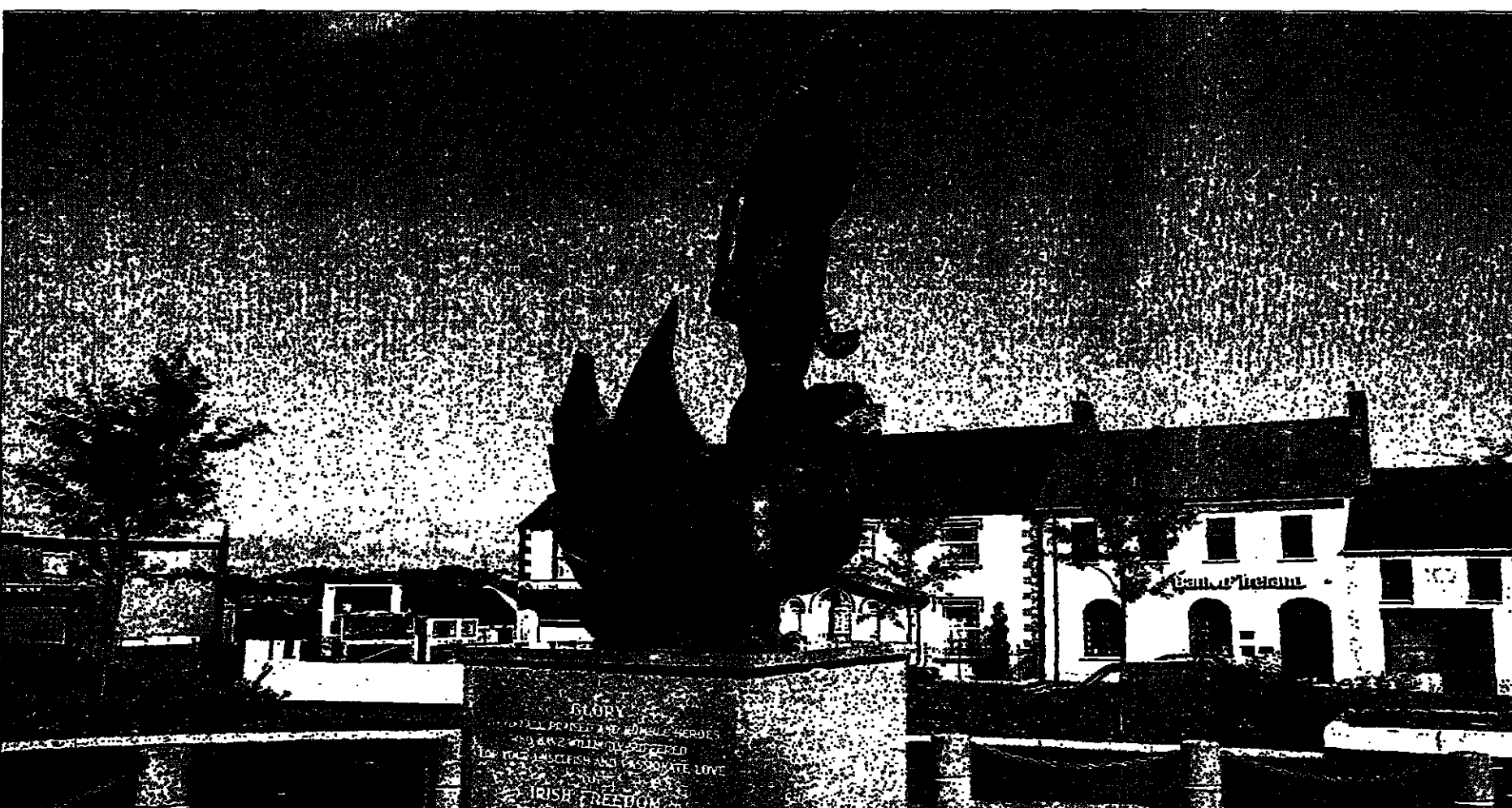
Four more Ulster Unionist MPs were opposed to the deal. The others seem likely to return to the fold, with Legan Valley MP Jeffrey Donaldson, the young pretender to Mr Trimble's crown, leading the charge.

Mr Trimble will accept this through gritted teeth. He is privately furious at Mr Donaldson, who walked out of the Stormont negotiations at the last minute and then rebuffed extraordinary attempts by Tony Blair to woo him back to the Yes camp.

Mr Donaldson, no fool, will exact a price. He is demanding a copper-bottomed guarantee that Sinn Fein take no place in the power-sharing executive before the IRA hands over weapons.

Unionists said Mr Paisley last week, will never be the same again. The split he predicts will see a backward-looking rump and others whose knee-jerk response is always to oppose. But there is also a new, forward-looking, more liberal Unionism.

John Taylor, deputy leader, says one casualty will be the link with the Orange Order, which has more than 100 places on the party's ruling council. His own journey, from key member of the discredited old regime at Stormont to Yes campaigner, exemplifies how far Unionism has come.



Centre of republicanism... Crossmaglen, the border town where hardline nationalists fear for the future with Unionist demands in the North and Irish government demands in the South

## Republican games put Dublin goal in doubt

**On the ground: Hardliners in Crossmaglen see threats to their future from North and South**

Stuart Miller

BARELY had the returning officer in the King's Hall in Belfast declared the Yes vote when the television in Chum's Bar in



Crossmaglen was unceremoniously clicked back to the racing. The four men at the bar turned round, emptied their glasses and went back to discussing the form for the 3.15 at Doncaster.

"People are like sheep: they will vote whatever way they are told," was all one of the drinkers would mutter in response to the result.

The reaction in Chum's, which overlooks the grey town square in the centre of Crossmaglen, was far from unusual. This is south Armagh, the heartland of 32-county republicanism. And hereabouts the referendum result was greeted with grim resignation, in marked contrast to the jubilation of Sinn Fein's leaders.

It is estimated that of the 28 per cent of Northern Ireland's voters that opposed the Good Friday agreement, about 3-4 per cent were staunch Republicans. Many will come from this town, people who opposed the agreement out of principle, people who feel let

down not by Gerry Adams but by the politicians in Dublin.

"I thought about this long and hard," Raymond, a Sinn Fein supporter, said. "Dublin has given up the territorial claim to the north and that is a betrayal I could not stomach."

Round the corner in Short's Bar, the landlord, Paddy Short, was telling a story he believes sums up the plight of those who refuse to support an agreement they see as legitimising partition.

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Sinn Fein is opposing the change, arguing the rule should stay until the RUC is disbanded and the British Army sent home. But the Irish government is lobbying hard in favour of a change.

"This must prove that Dublin does not care about us," Mr Short said. He describes himself as an old-fashioned 32-county man. "They don't want to know. We all feel like the Palestinians down here: people trapped without a state."

Issues such as this are dominating the thoughts of hardline Republican voters who feel alienated by the political culture they aspire to be part of. Yet few drinking in Short's believed the referendum result would force a serious split in Republicanism, at least not yet.

"Gerry Adams has a big following, people have a lot of faith in him," Mr Short said. "Best thing that can happen is for there to be a massive vote for Sinn Fein at the assembly elections. That way they can't be stopped from taking up seats. If that doesn't happen, that's where the trouble will begin."

The Republicans are deeply worried. "Unionists will all get back together and form a front against the nationalists," said Mr Short. "If we let them take control it will be the bad days all over again."

But for now hardliners are keeping their powder dry. For most, it is the racing and the plight of the GAA that will be uppermost in their minds for a little while yet.

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A camp of activists has been uprooting artificially modified sugar-beet (left), planting organic crops instead



Erecting a yurt: 'We may look like dirty hippies scrabbling around on a field, but we're making a serious point'

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## Carnival feel to genetic protest

Rory Carroll

**E**NVIRONMENTAL activists have taken over a field of genetically modified sugar-beet and plan a month-long occupation.

Up to 40 squatters are inviting the public to visit workshops and displays which warn that the untested technology could damage health.

They said the occupation, on a football-sized field outside Norwich in East Anglia, was the first of many against an estimated 300 test sites in Britain.

Playing the theme-song from Mission Impossible, protesters spilled out of three vans at dawn on Saturday and set up camp. Norfolk police arrived 40 minutes later to see the first signs of a kitchen, visitors' centre, toilets and organic garden.

Assured that it was a peaceful trespass against "Frankenstein food", four officers kept watch while barrels of water, a kettle, stove and rucksacks were lifted over a knee-high wire mesh. A sympathetic local contractor supplied free food.

No prosecutions for criminal damage to the sugar-beet could be made since an unknown group destroyed the crop weeks before the protesters arrived. Hundreds of plastic yellow markers dividing the crop into rows were dug up and stacked for return to Novartis Seeds, the company which rents the land from Crown Point Farms.

A court order for eviction, which the landlord is believed to be considering, might take weeks to obtain.

A carnival atmosphere is intended to attract visitors. Music and craftwork will

greet those who emerge from viewing displays inside a yurt, or Mongolian-style domed tent.

A briefing sheet reminds protesters that Britain's first test-site occupation must remain disciplined and not turn into a festival - no damage to property, keep the noise down, and so on.

The month-long stay is intended to prevent replanting and afford time for symbolic shoots from their organic garden of tomatoes, peas, elderberry and melons.

Red-eyed and yawning from the overnight preparations and van-ride from London, the protesters, mostly in their 20s, resisted curling up in sleeping bags once the initial work was finished.

"That's all we'd need. Visitors coming and the first thing they see is a bunch of hippies sleeping at midday. Lovely stereotype," said Jai, aged 27, deputised to liaise with police.

"We may look like dirty hippies scrabbling around on a field, but we're making a serious point. Consumers are being used as guinea pigs but most don't even know that these fields exist. If we're willing to spend a month here then the least you can do when you go into a supermarket is think about boycotting genetically engineered food."

One visitor, a teacher looking for classroom ideas, was followed by curious parents who heard a radio report. Greenpeace will hand out leaflets in Norwich and a walk is planned from the town centre next Saturday.

Development of hi-tech foods has sparked opposition among Europeans concerned that transferring genetic material from one species to another could create new toxins. Activists have destroyed seven test sites in Britain and Ireland. English Heritage and three other government conservation agencies have backed calls for a three-year ban to prevent destruction of birds and insects, and the creation of mutant weeds.

Last week a Wiltshire farmer refused Monsanto, the US chemical company, permission to test genetically modified oil seed rape on his property until concerns were answered.

"Farmers are not the enemy, it's the biotechnology companies who want to make billions," said Paul, planting a Jolly Roger flag beside the kitchen. "This is a message to them, sod off."

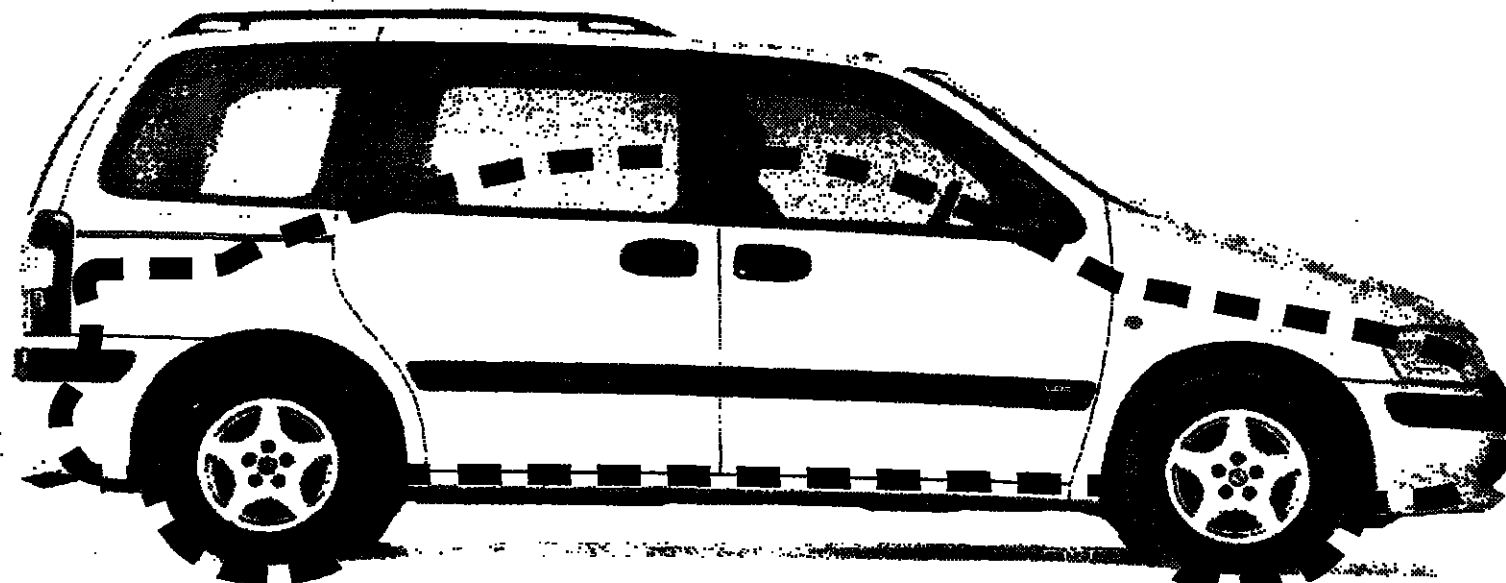
**Women's tennis, not based on power, will never be as strong in depth as the men's game but the emergence of five teenagers - Hingis, Kournikova, the Williams sisters and Croatia's Mirjana Lucic - has caused a buzz in the game.**

(Stephen Bierley)

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**Michael White** reviews academic credentials of prominent politicians and doubts if doctorates do them much good

George Walden (left), unabashed elitist, condemns 'populist drive' of Chris Smith (right), who did a PhD at Cambridge on Romantic poets but who, according to Walden, 'cannot write English'



## Culture secretary's book 'semi-literate'

**T**HE Culture Secretary, Chris Smith, was denounced yesterday as the well-meaning but semi-literate author of "an appalling book" on New Labour's arts policies which reflects "every piece of populist drivel" ever written on culture and democracy.

The saddest thing about this truly mortifying book is that our Secretary of State, who reminds us that he spent a year at Harvard studying Wordsworth, cannot write English, concludes a former Tory education minister, George Walden, in his review of Creative Britain, Mr Smith's newly published slim volume.

The book has received mixed reviews, but Mr Walden's attack is doubly wounding since the former MP, who stood down at the last elec-

tion, is widely accepted as a political intellectual, albeit one who proved too fastidious to get to the top of the "greasy pole" of politics.

Mr Smith is one of six members of the Blair Cabinet who boast a doctorate — in his case from Cambridge, for his thesis on the Romantic poets. It has not spared him the Walden lash for "ingratiating himself with mass taste" just when David Blunkett, Education Secretary, is struggling to raise school standards.

Mr Walden is an unabashed elitist, who sees Mr Smith's attempt to reconcile high art with popular art as a "condescending" betrayal, couched in a style that is "not just awkward, it is semi-literate".

But his onslaught highlights recurring tensions between the intellectual and the pragmatic approach to politics. "Too clever by half" is a

Tory insult that could well have been applied to Mr Walden, as it sometimes is to David "Two Brains" Willetts, the party's employment spokesman. But brains — especially brains backed by exam results — are always respected in Labour's ranks.

The culture gap between the parties is reflected in the startling difference in the number of doctorates on each side. The Tories have seven, including Brian Mawhinney, John Redwood and Michael Fabricant; his from the University of Southern California.

Labour has at least 34, including 12 first elected in 1997. The six in Cabinet are Gordon Brown, David Clark, Jack Cunningham, Mo Mowlam, Chris Smith and Gavin Strang. The latter two are on most reshuffle lists, marked for demotion. This underlines

one of Westminster's clear messages: a PhD is no guarantee of political skills or success.

The popularity of Ms Mowlam, currently the most admired Cabinet member for her peace-making role in Northern Ireland, rests heavily on her "touchy-feely" ability to connect with those she meets.

Despite fielding more than 20 PhDs and DPhil as candidates, the Liberal Democrats managed to get only one elected: Vince Cable, an economist.

Oxford-educated Mr Blair is clever but unimpeachable. His formidable success also seems rooted in intuitive skills, his capacity to catch the public mood. Baroness Thatcher, patronised by more obviously "brilliant" male colleagues, had that talent for a time.

Stamina, common sense and instinct often serve politicians better.

Winston Churchill, one of four 20th century prime ministers not to attend a university (the others were John Major, James Callaghan and Ramsay MacDonald), was out of step with the public mood for 20 years before coming to embody it in 1940.

Harold Wilson, a premier with 17 alphas out of 18 Finals papers he sat at Oxford, started well and ended badly. His 1964, 1966 and 1974 Cabinets were, on paper, among the cleverest ever, full of brilliant Oxford men with good war records, such as Denis Healey, Roy Jenkins, Tony Crosland, Tony Benn and Richard Crossman, not forget-

ting Barbara Castle, an Oxford classics graduate. Yet they fell into spectacular error, culminating in the International Monetary Fund crisis in 1976.

But then, no form of intelligence is a guarantee of success, as clever ministers without doctorates — including Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, and Lord Irvine, the

Lord Chancellor — demonstrate. Both have formidable analytical capacities — in Lord Irvine's case an ability to devour mountains of paperwork.

But many MPs doubt if they and similarly gifted politicians would pass a simple common sense test: would you send them out to post a letter?

### Eggheads in the hothouse



Mo Mowlam



Denzil Davies



David Willetts



Francis Maude

**Labour**  
 □ Tony Blair: street smart intelligence. Oxford BA.  
 □ Gordon Brown: reads books and writes them. Edinburgh MA and PhD.  
 □ Robin Cook: would you let him post a letter? Edinburgh MA.  
 □ Mo Mowlam: all instinct.

**Conservatives**  
 □ William Hague: Oxford  
 you wouldn't know she had a PhD. Durham BA, Iowa MA and PhD.  
 □ Denzil Davies, MP for Llanelli: alleged to be the cleverest MP. Too clever to be in government. Oxford BA.

**First, but is he a train-spotter?**  
 □ John Redwood: PhD from the University of Krypton. Oxford MA, DPhil.  
 □ Francis Maude: Brainy City type, not so voter-friendly. Cambridge MA.  
 □ David Willetts: Two brains and an Oxford BA.

**Liberal Democrats**  
 □ Earl Russell: Dangerous academic and leftwing intellectual, just like Dad. Oxford MA. Yale MA.

## Brown chides big spenders

'Unimaginative' cabinet ministers criticised over £330bn budget

Michael White  
Political Editor

**S**ENIOR cabinet ministers are heading for a furious climax to the Treasury's review of public spending as the Chancellor virtually "names and shames" his unhelpful colleagues.

Yesterday, after months of examination by ministers about how the Government's £330 billion expenditure programme might be put to more imaginative and effective use — all done with little or no fuss, or publicity — the lid came off the process. Antiques, art, and the Foreign Office's buildings faced the firing line. With just six

weeks before the comprehensive spending review (CSR) is due to unveil extra billions for key departments from 1999 to 2002, Tony Blair spent part of his weekend going through progress reports from the FX sub-committee of the cabinet. It has been examining 25 cross-departmental budget reviews.

But a string of inspired leaks yesterday fingered Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, and the Department of Trade and Industry under Margaret Beckett, for failing to offer imaginative re-allocation of resources, or for making "trivialous bids" for extra funds they know they will not

get — a traditional Whitehall technique. "If you start out by offering cuts, they say fine, we'll take that and have some more," one minister said.

Gordon Brown is demanding higher levels of creativity. The so-called "good boys", who have generated greater efficiency in their departments or lucrative new income-streams, are said to include John Prescott's giant Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, Jack Straw's Home Office team, and the two secretaries of state in the "early pledges" hot seats, David Blunkett at education, and Frank Dobson at health.

But even that list is disputed. While Mr Straw is praised by some colleagues for offering "some very astute and serious re-structuring", rivals hint that Mr Dobson and Mr Blunkett have only made "piecemeal or tokenistic" offerings. That may not guarantee them the predicted extra £2 billion a year each — £6 billion-plus over three years — to tackle class sizes and NHS waiting lists.

"David's been spraying money around, but are we getting results? Is this a resource or management problem?" one senior minister asked. "Some ministers talk about their problems, how they need more money because their department is so important. It seems we have a lot of very important embassies," said another.

The controversy rests mainly on an ambitious drive to shift resources to new priorities, notably health and education, by finding ways of financing programmes and unearthing public assets that no longer needed, can be sold.

The beleaguered Mr Cook is in the firing line because New Labour is impatient with traditional Foreign Office ambitions and with the department's UnCool Britannia style where the grandeur of major embassies — in Moscow, Paris, Rome, Washington and Tokyo — reflect the style of a past imperial age.

Mr Brown wants to sell off embassy property, or their valuable art works. Mr Robertson has a similar problem — Ministry of Defence land and assets that cannot earn their keep.

Other ministers have shown greater imagination in finding public/private partnerships to generate capital spending money — for housing, hospitals and schools — while searching for revenue-making schemes.

Ironically, Mr Robertson's budget has shrunk fast since the cold war ended, and Mr Cook's is trifling besides that of Social Security, where major reforms are causing headaches. Mrs Beckett, whose budget was decimated by Tory changes, is said to be fighting for her scientific research. But Dr Cunningham's budget has shot up, thanks to the Tory BSE legacy — though he is engaged in restructuring subsidies.

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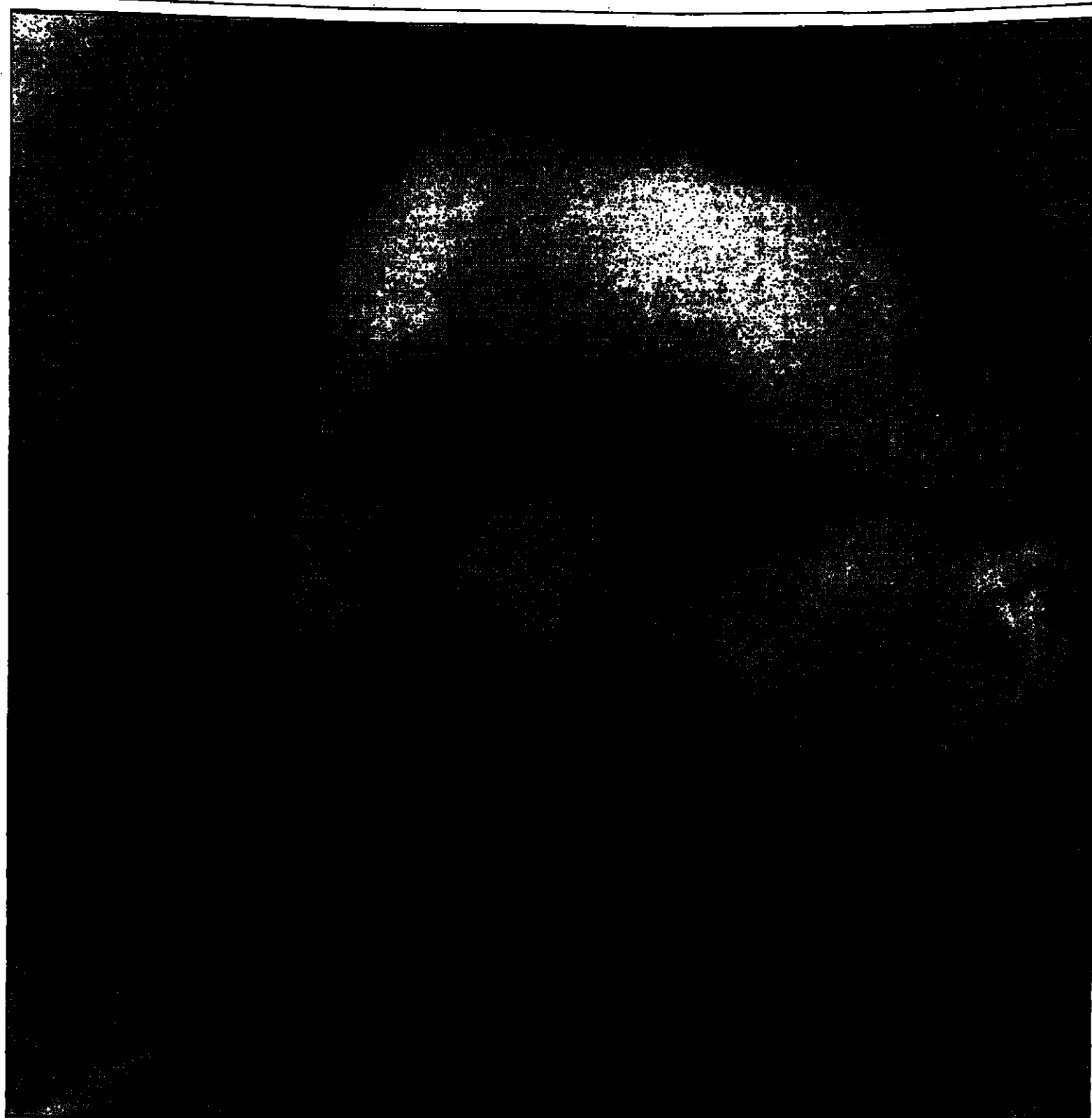
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## Chronology

**1898:** Born in Bavaria, son of a wealthy factory owner  
**1917:** Studies literature and medicine in Munich, but abandons medicine for the theatre. Becomes a pacifist during first world war and moves towards Marxism in the 1920s  
**1922:** First play, *Drums in the Night*  
**1928:** The Threepenny Opera, based on John Gay's *The Beggar's Opera*, with music composed by Kurt Weill — allegedly co-written by his secretary and lover, Elisabeth Hauptmann  
**1933:** Flees Germany when Hitler comes to power and moves to Denmark  
**1939:** Finishes *The Life of Galileo* and moves to Sweden and then Finland  
**1941:** Arrives in Hollywood, begins unsuccessful attempt at scriptwriting career. Completes *The Good Woman of Setzuan*  
**1941:** Writes *Mother Courage and Her Children*  
**1948:** Writes *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*  
**1949:** Returns to live in East Berlin, where he founds and directs his own theatre company, the Berlin Ensemble  
**1956:** Dies aged 58



Bertolt Brecht (above) and (top left) Juliet Stevenson and Nicholas Robinson in a production of the *Caucasian Chalk Circle* at the Oliver Theatre, London. British Brechtian academics are defending him against a charge that he had helped writing his plays

## News in brief

## Scouting celebration turns to tragedy

A SCOUTING celebration turned into tragedy at the weekend when an 11-year-old boy fell 60ft into a ravine. Scott Fanning, who died later in hospital, was one of 500 scouts and guides at a gathering at Ashworth Camp, in the Lancashire Pennines near Rochdale, to mark the movement's 90th anniversary. He had been found unconscious on rocks at the bottom of a steep cliff by paramedics, after other scouts and an assistant leader with him on an early morning walk had flagged down a motorist and used her mobile phone to fetch help. He was transferred from the Royal Manchester Children's hospital to Hope hospital, Salford, with head and back injuries, but died shortly afterwards with his parents at his bedside. Family friends described him yesterday as a "lovely, happy-go-lucky boy", devoted to scouting since joining the Cub Scouts at the earliest possible age. His father Alan, who visited the camp yesterday and spoke to organisers, is a scout leader in Oldham, where the family lives. Greater Manchester police said it appeared there were no suspicious circumstances. Chris Maxwell, Greater Manchester and Merseyside field commissioner, said: "We would obviously be sensitive to anything said at the inquest, but it would seem simply to have been a very tragic accident." The camp, attended by scouts from as far away as Southampton, continued after discussions. Local clergy volunteered to comfort children if necessary. — *Martin Wainwright*

## Protest as Britons released

BRITISH diplomats in Pakistan yesterday demanded an explanation for the "outrageous" detention of British power plant workers and their wives in Baluchistan. The 26 men and nine women were freed early yesterday after two days under effective house arrest while armed police had blockaded the plant where they live and work, 25 miles west of Karachi. The action was part of a dispute between the Pakistani power firm Hubco and the government over an order to halve electricity tariffs. Hubco is a quarter owned by the British firm National Power, for which the Britons were on contract. A spokesman for the British High Commission in the capital, Islamabad, said: "This was not an appropriate way for the authorities to get whatever it is they want from Hubco. Putting restrictions on British nationals is an outrageous action. We are seeking an explanation from the authorities, and an assurance that it will not happen again."

## Missing diver presumed dead

A TEAM of adventure divers yesterday failed in a renewed attempt to recover a missing diver believed drowned in a dive on a Cornish wreck. Devon and Cornwall police named the missing diver as Paul Haydon, aged 33, of Hornchurch in Essex. On Saturday he failed to return from a solo dive in 240ft of water 18 miles off Looe. He was with three Belgians and six Britons diving for the 11,000 ton *Africa*, a White Star liner torpedoed in 1917. His team-mates alerted coastguards, but a search involving lifeboats and a Royal Navy helicopter was called off at nightfall. Yesterday the dive team returned but no trace of the man was found.

## Dangerous drugs stolen

DRUGS stolen from an ambulance attending an emergency call could kill if used in the wrong way, Strathclyde police warned yesterday. A green satchel containing equipment and medication was taken from the ambulance at 10.30, near Glasgow, early yesterday morning. The drugs included Diazepam liquid but also ones that were adrenalin-based. "These drugs are dangerous and if taken without the advice of medical staff could cause serious illness," said a police spokesman.

## Two £10m lottery winners

TWO ticket holders each won £10 million in Saturday's £20 million National Lottery jackpot, the result of two rollovers. The numbers were: 8, 20, 24, 35, 43, and 47; bonus number 32.

## Brecht reputation at stake

Scholars deny Brecht's lovers helped pen his plays, writes Amelia Gentleman

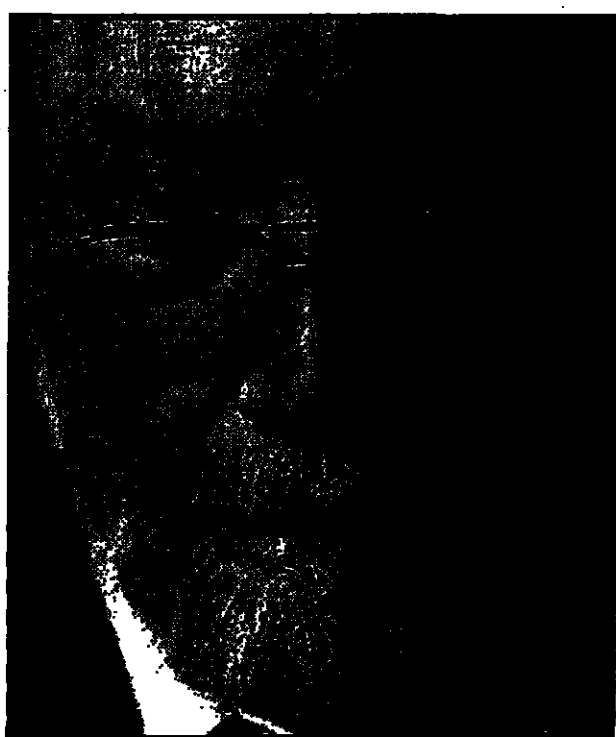
ACADEMIC feuds are notoriously bitter, and this one — complete with simmering accusations of plagiarism and sexual exploitation alongside battling Marxist and feminist ideologies — is no exception. The peaceful world of the Brecht scholar has recently been disturbed by the publication of a controversial biography of the playwright, claiming he was a fraud whose plays were largely written by his adoring mistresses. Rival academics from the British Brechtian hierarchy were last night given a chance to restore the writer's good name.

The unlikely venue for the intellectual combat between American biographer John Fuegi and his critics was a genteel literary evening arranged at the Albert Hall in London to celebrate the centenary of the playwright's birth.

Dr Fuegi attacks the German playwright's status as genius in Brecht & Co, a revised version of a book published this year, arguing that three of Brecht's lovers wrote much of his most famous plays — including the Threepenny Opera — while he shamelessly passed off the material as his own.

These attempts to explode the Brecht myth — which have political significance with Brecht seen as a Marxist icon — have already marred centenary celebrations in Berlin, where the heirs of one of the women, his secretary Elisabeth Hauptmann, are suing the publishers for a share of back-dated royalties.

If they win, they stand to gain a great deal, says Dr Fuegi: "The theft of the Threepenny Opera is a big heist in financial terms — \$5 million would be a huge underestimate of its worth." But yesterday his British critics were calmly disparaging. Leading Brecht scholar John Willett declined an invitation to attend the Albert Hall evening — pointing out



John Fuegi: his 'hatchet job' biography alleges plagiarism

that he and the International Brecht Society had devoted much time to compiling a 100 page list of the mistakes in the original book. "It's idiotic to suggest that the girls wrote everything," he stated. "The book was absolutely riddled with inexcusable errors — unacceptable for anyone who calls himself a scholar. His German is not impeccable by a long chalk — he has made some terrible boos."

"I think he wanted to run down Brecht using any means at his power, either on political grounds or because he was anxious to cultivate the support of American feminists. It's a hatchet job done

by a not terribly well wielded hatchet." Ronald Hayman — author of *Brecht: A Biography* — accepted the challenge to spar with Dr Fuegi but was equally dismissive of his rival's attempts to destroy the playwright's name.

"Fuegi feels a lot of animosity towards Brecht. For some reason he has given a lot of his life to promoting and popularising Brecht, but has now turned to demolish the reputation of the man he dedicated so much time to."

"The book is so bitter, so shrill, acid, venomous and vitriolic that you have the feeling when you read it that it isn't fair. Certainly Brecht was unscrupulous, but you want to hear both sides of the story," he said.

Neither academic contests the suggestion that Brecht was a collaborative writer who built up his plays, magpie-like, from a variety of sources and inspirations, but both maintain Dr Fuegi exaggerates the argument beyond recognition.

Dr Fuegi in his turn rejected their comments as the resentful snippings of jealous rivals, challenging his critics to correct any of the 2,171 footnotes to the new version. He confessed he was a little weary of the debate.

"Talking with the Brechtians is like trying to argue with parrots; there's no point because they keep repeating themselves," he said. "There's a small and vicious group of academics who seem to want to go on seeing the world as flat."

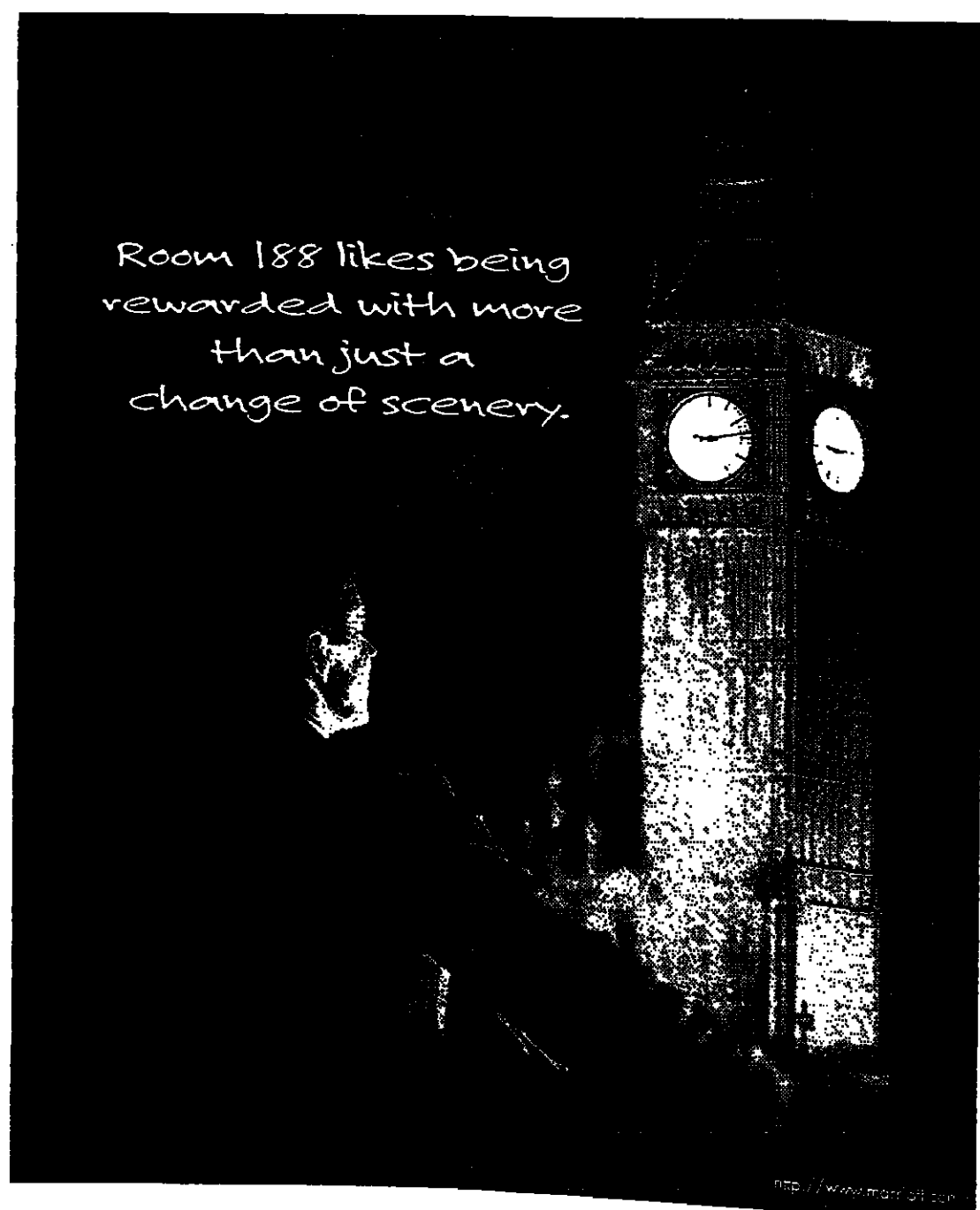
He has an innovative method of proving the accuracy of his work: During recent debates I have put \$500 on the table and promised to hand over the money to anyone who can prove that Brecht wrote more than 20

per cent of the Threepenny Opera. No one has ever managed to do it." Rejecting the suggestion that he has tried to demonise the writer, he explained: "It is quite clear that Brecht was stealing intellectual property on a consistent basis. I just wanted to show as accurately

as I could exactly where all the work came from."

All this might have had Bertolt Brecht turning in his grave — had he not, at his own request, been pinned down in his coffin with a stake through his heart to allay his fears of being buried alive.

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## Police face charges after killing

Inquest on man shot in armed raid could be delayed until trials held

Sarah Bosseley

FIVE police officers in Sussex, three of them of senior rank, are likely to face criminal charges relating to the shooting dead of James Ashley during an armed raid in January.

At the Sussex coroner's court on Wednesday, Kent's assistant chief constable, Barbara Wilding, who is in charge of the independent inquiry into the shooting, is expected to say that the full inquest should not be held until after the criminal trials. She may also explain that her team faced difficulties in its inquiries. Kent's officers have been

talking to the Crown Prosecution Service about possible charges for some time. On Saturday morning, Paul Whitehead, the Chief Constable for Sussex, let it be known that he was suspending four more officers.

The man who pulled the trigger, PC Chris Sherwood, a member of Sussex's Special Operations Unit, was suspended in February, a month after the incident.

The three senior suspended officers are a superintendent, an acting chief inspector, and an inspector. The other is a police constable. Any charges against these recently suspended officers are likely to relate to providing misleading information which led to

the officers, who raided Mr Ashley's flat in St Leonards, Hastings, drawing guns. Mr Ashley, aged 39, was asleep in bed with his girlfriend when police burst in to his flat at 4am on January 15. He was unarmed, and shot dead.

Later that day, Chief Inspector Whitehouse claimed Mr Ashley was wanted in connection with an attempted stabbing outside a seafood bar a week earlier. In fact, it was Mr Ashley who had pulled the assailant off his victim, preventing a murder.

Mr Whitehouse said at a press conference: "We were running simultaneously an operation to track down drug traffickers and also two men who had attempted to murder a man by stabbing him outside the Cherries Bar in Hastings on January 7. In view of the information that we had on all the people we wanted

for these offences, it was decided to mount an operation. One of them in particular was thought to be armed and dangerous, and an armed operation was used to arrest him."

Mr Whitehouse said he had had no reason to suspend the officer who shot Mr Ashley. He was confident his officers would be found to have acted correctly.

Mr Ashley's family brought a complaint against the Chief Constable for allegedly trying to blacken their son's name at the press conference, but it was rejected by the Sussex police authority, which must vet allegations against top officers before going to the Police Complaints Authority.

No drugs or any significant evidence were found at Mr Ashley's flat and the three other men arrested on the night he was shot were all released without charge.

## News in brief

## Hijackers foil

FIVE men hijacked a Pakistan Airlines jet from Karachi, Pakistan, and flew it to India. The hijackers demanded a \$2 million ransom and the release of prisoners. The Indian government refused the demands and the plane was eventually forced to land in India. The hijackers were arrested and the plane was returned to Pakistan.

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The Mamas and the Papas, whose hit record California Dreaming came to represent the heady years of the 1960s

Nowhere was Sixties optimism more real than in America's golden state. But hedonism has given way to despair, epitomised by a decline in the state's once world-class education system. **Martin Kettle** in San Francisco tells what went wrong in the 'society of the future'



A demonstrator stands his ground against a line of National Guardsmen during the battle of 'People's Park' in May 1969, when 2,000 students tried to stop shopping in the centre of Berkeley. An onlooker was shot dead by the army

# End of the California dream

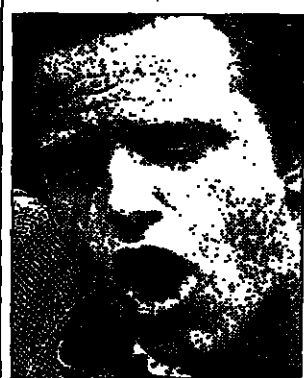
**T**HE figures released on Wednesday tell the story more clearly than any words. Last year 1,065 black American students planned to enrol at the University of California's two most prestigious campuses at Berkeley and Los Angeles; this year the number is 526. The number of Latino students enrolling has fallen from 2,769 last year to 1,645. Everyone knows why. Two years ago Californians voted for Proposition 209. It prohibits race- and gender-based preferences for, or discrimination against, individuals or groups in the state's education, contracting and employment policies. The state voted against affirmative action in 1996, and this week's university figures are the result. On June 2 Californians will again vote in primaries and on new ballot initiatives. One, known as Proposition 227, requires all state schools to teach only in English and



Berkeley College in California, once a byword for protest, where entrants of ethnic background are on the decline

## 'Berserkley' comes to terms with radical past

**I**F ANY place embodies California's liberal era it is Berkeley, writes **Martin Kettle**. In the 1960s the state governor, Ronald Reagan, called it Berkeley as he sent in the troops to quell rioting students, and you can still buy a poster showing the world's three remaining socialist bastions - Cuba, North Korea and Berkeley. Berkeley is mellow now. Yet for many Americans the University of California at Berkeley is synonymous with the 1960s protest era. So much so that the university has spent the past 30 years trying unsuccessfully to shake off the rebellious image. Last month, however, Berkeley embraced its celebrity by agreeing to commemorate the radical Free Speech Movement of the 1960s, which campaigned against college funding by companies involved in the Vietnam war. The price was a \$3.5 million (\$2.4 million) gift from a one-time Berkeley student radical, Stephen Silberman. Berkeley will now set up a book fund in the name of the movement's leader, Mario Savio, whom the university expelled in 1964. It will also place its protest archives on the Internet and build a Free Speech Movement cafe, complete with rotating exhibits. Mr Silberman, who owns a software company, wants Berkeley students to understand the ideals of those times, "which had a tremendous effect on me and on every student on campus". Although he did not take part in the mass sit-ins, or the battle over the "People's Park" in which an onlooker was shot dead by troops, Mr Silberman says: "Mario Savio and the leaders of the Free Speech Movement symbolise the very best of Berkeley."



Mario Savio: Rebel being rehabilitated by university commemorated by a small plaque

Berkeley's change of heart reflects the retirement of its most vociferous opponents of student protest. But Dan Mote, the vice-chancellor in charge of fundraising, admits that Mr Silberman's proposal stirred much agonising. "Time heals all wounds," Mr Mote said last month. The real important point is to focus on the radical acts but on the underlying principles. "If you do that, the Free Speech Movement was very soundly positioned. That has become clear in time."



Governor Wilson: Backs teaching in English only

restricts the transitional period of bilingual education for the state's 1.5 million Spanish-speaking pupils to one year. Proposition 227 seems likely to be carried. Heavily supported by whites and Asians, it divides Latinos almost evenly. The state's most famous Latino educationist, the Los Angeles maths teacher Jaime Escalante is in favour of it. So, to the dismay of some of the initiative organisers, is California's Republican governor Pete Wilson. But all four candidates to succeed him, Republican and Democrat, oppose 227, as do the teaching unions. Neither 1996's vote on affirmative action nor next month's vote on bilingualism has produced a precise liberal-conservative split. Some liberals, as well as some blacks, have qualms about the way affirmative action is working in California's higher education. Many liberals, and a lot of Latinos, also favour a tighter programme of English tuition. But the combination of

these and other initiatives, starting with the watershed victory of the Proposition 13 property tax revolt 20 years ago, is indisputable. They mark the end of the Californian liberal dream, and perhaps even the end of American optimism about California. "California has always been to America what America has been to the rest of the world - a place of hope and plenty," says Peter Schrag, whose recent book *Paradise Lost* details the state's 20-year crisis of confidence. "It was America-plus, the embodiment of future perfection." The 'golden state' has always had this status. California was an El Dorado even before the Gold Rush drew thousands in the mid-19th century. The westward journey to a better life lay deep in the American experience long before John Steinbeck chronicled the Joads' pilgrimage in *The Grapes of Wrath*. When California overtook New York in 1962 to become the most heavily populated state, there was tremendous optimism. The then governor, Pat Brown, called it "the greatest mass migration in the history of the world". For one writer it was "the society of the future". A couple of years later, as the hedonistic "California sound" marked a new stage in popular music, the Mamas and the Papas recorded the anthem of a heady time, *California Dreaming*. The optimism of the 1960s was based in reality. Jobs were plentiful and construction and innovation boomed. Post-war California was marked by huge investment in infrastructure. At its heart was the best public education system in the United States, culminating in the University of California and Cal Tech. California boasted more than a third of America's Nobel prize winners. The Brown administration built a huge network of freeways. It raised the then astronomical sum of \$1.75 billion to finance the California Water Project, which supplied the cities and irrigated arid land. It extended and consolidated the state's parks. California's public services set proudly alongside some of the most innovative and hi-tech industries on the planet. Incredible though it now seems, in 1960 the first language of most immigrants from outside the US to California was English. But the waves of immigration that have since doubled its population have been from Latin America and Asia. In 1970, 76 per cent of Californians were European whites. By 1996, it was 52 per cent, with 30 per cent Latino, 7 per cent black and the rest, 11 per cent, mainly Asian. By 2002 whites will become a minority.

As the population has changed, the willingness of the voters to support the state's services has declined. The Proposition 13 tax revolt of 1976 was an epochal moment in late-20th century politics, resonating far beyond California. In the state itself, however, public assets began to suffer neglect from this point. After Proposition 13, the income of California's cities, counties and schools was reduced by as much as 53 per cent. This success encouraged a series of propositions. Compared with nine propositions in the 1960s, Californians have voted on 49 in the 1990s, with more to come. Ballot initiatives have been used to cut taxes, limit budgets, restrict school spending discretion, bring in tougher sentencing laws, and affirmative action and ban immigrants from using public services. California's schools are now among the country's worst funded and least successful. Twenty years ago California was around 10 per cent above the national average in spending per pupil; today it is about 20 per cent below the average. Higher education was systematically expanded in the post-war era. Yet in the past 20 years that expansion has slowed even though the state's population has doubled. Since Proposition 13,

California has built no new university campus, but it has 20 new prisons. Government by ballot initiative is now the defining characteristic of Californian politics. The initiatives have become a weapon of resistance in the hands of California's steadily declining proportion of white voters. "It's not explicitly racial," says Mr Schrag "but it has a racial theme." For many, the Californian dream of plenty for all has become a nightmare of unquenchable demands by the immigrant poor. The question is whether where California leads, the rest of the United States will again follow.

### News in brief

#### Hijackers forced to land

**F**IVE men hijacked a Pakistan International Airlines plane with 38 people on board yesterday, demanding to go to India, but a Pakistani jet intercepted the plane, airport and government officials said. The jet took off shortly after the hijacking and forced the Fokker Friendship propeller aircraft down in Hyderabad, about 90 miles from Karachi, where it landed. The aircraft was damaged because it was running out of fuel. Last night negotiators were talking to the hijackers who, with the passengers, were still in the plane on the tarmac in Hyderabad, about 120 miles from the Indian frontier. Its lights extinguished and engines off. The temperature in Hyderabad was 40C. From the control tower in Hyderabad there were reports that a crew member was released with a list of demands from the hijackers, variously described as Indian citizens and Baluch tribesmen from Pakistan. Pakistan Television said the hijackers were demanding fuel and safe passage to New Delhi, India. Two of the hijackers were apparently carrying guns and the others reportedly had grenades. — AP, Islamabad

#### Mafia attacks landslide relief

**F**EARS that the landlides south of Naples could offer lucrative openings to organised crime surfaced at the weekend after shots were fired at a lorry removing mud from the stricken area, writes *John Hooper* in Rome. The attack was interpreted by police as a demand from the Neapolitan mafia for Camorra, to be cut in on the salvage work, as it took place soon after a decision to ban firms suspected of Camorra links from tendering.

#### Miners lift train blockade

**S**TRIKING coal miners along the vital Trans-Siberian railway yesterday after government officials promised to pay back wages and help them find new jobs. The decision appears to resolve two weeks of protests, which stranded more than 600 trains. The miners said they would reinstate their blockade if they were dissatisfied. — AP, Moscow

#### Sudan frees Ugandans

Sudan has released two Ugandan prisoners of war, a week after Uganda released 42 of 114 Sudanese POWs, writes *Anna Borzello* in Kampala. They were captured last year in an attack on the Ugandan rebel Lord's Resistance Army bases in South Sudan.

#### Bolivian quake

The Bolivian government said 67 people died and 40 more were feared buried under rubble after an earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale shook central Bolivia on Friday. After-shocks rocked the region yesterday. AP.

#### Egyptian hangings

Two brothers convicted of killing nine German tourists and their Egyptian driver outside the Egyptian Museum were hanged yesterday inside a prison, police said. — AP.

#### China taxes rich

Inheritance taxes will soon be imposed in China in an attempt to reduce the gap between rich and poor, the Business Weekly said yesterday. It will be limited initially to those on high incomes. — AP.

#### Lesotho polls

The ruling Lesotho Congress for Democracy has won a general election in the tiny southern African kingdom, officials said yesterday. The LCD won

#### Lebanese vote

Lebanese voted yesterday in the first local elections in 35 years. Troops were deployed to guard the voters, which included hardline Christian and Muslim groups. — Reuters.

#### Sri Lanka war

Fierce battles between government troops and Tamil Tiger rebels in eastern and northern Sri Lanka killed at least 43 people, state radio said yesterday. — Reuters.

#### Veterans brawl

Disabled veterans of Liberia's eight-year civil war fought with bodyguards of President Charles Taylor, witnesses said

yesterday. The veterans, who have been calling for benefits, hit aides with crutches and sticks after waiting in vain to meet Mr Taylor. — AP.

#### Taliban order

Afghanistan's Taliban Islamic movement said yesterday it had punished 600 people in Kabul in the past two days for cutting their beards and for not wearing the Islamic veil, the Voice of Shariat radio said. — Reuters.

#### Rhinos survive

The threatened northern white rhinoceros has survived last year's civil war in Congo, the World Wide Fund for Nature said in Nairobi yesterday. At least 24 rhinos were found in the area. — AP.





Emily Lau (above), Martin Lee (below) and Christine Loh (pictured in posters right) are all at the forefront of the Hong Kong pro-democracy movement and were expected to make a comeback in the former colony's legislative polls yesterday. Many democrats lost their seats last year when Beijing reorganised the elected assembly after the handover.



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## Democrats triumph in HK poll

Andrew Higgins  
in Hong Kong

**P**RO-DEMOCRACY politicians look set for a robust return to Hong Kong's legislature after a record turnout yesterday for elections hailed as the first step towards democracy in the rest of China.

The former colony defied a reputation for political apathy and stunned pundits with a turnout of 58 per cent, well above the 35.8 per cent that voted in 1995.

The high turnout was all the more remarkable given the fierce storms that flooded seven polling stations and sent villagers in the New Territories scrambling on to rooftops to be winched clear by helicopters. Only 20 of 60 seats in the legislative council are directly elected. Exit polls

last night gave 14 to democracy activists.

Among the likely winners are Martin Lee and Szeto Wah, leaders of the Democratic Party and both stigmatised as "subversives" by Beijing for their support of the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests. Emily Lau and Christine Loh were also expected to win seats.

Along with other democrats they lost their seats when China replaced the assembly with an appointed body after last year's handover. Exit polls pointed to defeat for the leader of the main pro-China party, the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong (DAB), the schoolmaster Tsang Yok-sing.

China's favourites, including the head of the appointed provisional legislature, Rita Fan, known in the local press as "Madame Mao", will continue to dominate thanks to a

system that allows a tiny minority of the population to choose three quarters of the seats. So-called "functional constituencies" representing accountants, lawyers, sports figures and other professional groups elect half of the legislature. The other 10 are chosen by an electoral college.

With so many seats chosen

by so few — a system developed by colonial administrators as reluctant to share their power as China's mandarins — the most significant result may be the turnout of 1.48 million voters.

Mr Lee said: "The message to me is loud and clear: people in Hong Kong want and deserve democracy. I think it

would be in the interest of Chinese leaders in Beijing to take heed of that strong message.

"This is the first step forward for my country, China, towards democracy. It is a small step but let it be a significant step for all of us."

Tung Chee-hwa, the ship-

ping tycoon selected by Beijing to run the territory after Britain's departure, said: "This is a tremendous turnout. This is a tremendous achievement."

But he ruled out any acceleration in Hong Kong's progress towards democracy as scripted by the Basic Law, the Beijing-drafted constitution. The turnout, he said,

reflected faith in "one country, two systems", the formula concocted by China's late leader Deng Xiaoping to end colonial rule but not capitalism.

The Hong Kong government spent around HK\$1.5 billion (239 million) to organise the election, the same spent on the handover. The sum, Ming Pao newspaper told readers yesterday, could buy every resident 22 hamburgers.

The legislative council has little real power, but yesterday's election marks the first time since the 1949 revolution that the Communist Party has allowed free and fair elections in any part of its territory.

When Hong Kong last went to the polls in the 1995, China dismissed the ballot as an act of British perfidy and urged voters to stay away. But with Hong Kong now under Chinese rule, Beijing has had to applaud a process it rejects for the rest of the country.

China's main propaganda organ in Hong Kong, the daily newspaper Wen Wei Po, yesterday joined other media in urging residents to vote.

"Cast a Sacred Ballot", read an editorial in a paper previously in the vanguard of attacks on the British governor Chris Patten's democratic reforms. The New China News Agency, whose only contribution to the 1995 election was a threatening statement telling voters to stay at home, yesterday joined in with gusto. It scooped even the Hong Kong government with the turnout figures.

Human rights groups invited election monitors from Europe and Asia but the authorities refused them access to polling stations. Pierre Padiou, an observer from the European Union, said the rejection of outside monitoring suggested "no confidence in their own democracy".

## EU draws fire for 'Arab bias'

Martin Walker in Brussels

**F**OR the first time, European Union foreign ministers are being subjected to a professional pro-Israeli lobby, American-style, as the new Brussels office of B'nai B'rith takes up the cudgels on behalf of exports to Europe from the West Bank and other occupied territories.

The EU plans to stop giving the usual market access to goods labelled as coming from Israel originating in the occupied territories. The decision is part of a wider plan to increase the economic viability of the regions run by the Palestinian Authority.

"This is another attempt by the EU to throw its weight around unfairly in the Middle East," Tommy Bear, the international president of B'nai B'rith, said. "The EU wants a place at the negotiating table but is prejudging the outcome of the peace talks by this measure."

The issue, sharpened by EU allegations of "widespread and persistent fraud" in the export of Israeli oranges to Europe, will be put to the vote today, when the 15 foreign ministers meet for the regular Council of Ministers session.

B'nai B'rith, one of the leading lobby groups for the Jewish community and the Israeli cause in the United States, with long experience of influencing US policy, decided this year that Europe was sufficiently influential in the Middle East — and one-sided

towards the Arab cause — to be worth lobbying. Its impact in Europe, where national Jewish communities are far less organised and vocal than in the US, remains to be seen.

EU foreign ministers will grapple yet again with Turkey, Britain's Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, also flies into a new row with France, and probably into accusations of British hypocrisy after the latest arms shipments to Indonesia, as the ministers attempt to hammer out a new EU code of conduct for arms exports.

On the key issue of transparency, including the notification of all other EU members of pending arms sales and the publication of an annual detailed survey of EU arms exports, the British draft has the support of 14 EU member states, with only France objecting.

The strength of the human rights criterion in granting an arms export licence is the main principle at issue. The draft offers a choice. There is particular caution on a case-by-case basis, while taking into account serious human rights violations reported by the EU or the United Nations.

The tougher version, which needs no institutional authority to buttress claims of human rights abuses, calls on EU members "to abstain from or show restraint" in exporting arms to countries "if there are widespread and serious violations of human rights".

## Kurds learn to lean on the remote control

Rebels have found a useful weapon in satellite television, Chris Morris in Diyarbakir writes

**A**T SEVEN o'clock every evening Turkish and Arab family gather round the television set in their small high-rise flat. Thanks to a fuzzy satellite signal they watch the news in their own language, Kurdish.

It is illegal, but they don't seem to mind. Nor do their neighbours, who are watching the same programme next door. Technology has opened a new front line in the long-running war in south-eastern Turkey.

It would be very bad for the Kurds if Med-TV had not started, said Turkan. "We understand their programmes, and we like the news. They tell the truth."

Med-TV is a Kurdish-language satellite channel which broadcasts from London in open support of the violent Kurdish rebel group, the PKK. The Turkish government still bans all broadcasting in Kurdish, and it wants the British government to close the station down.

"I think it's the most significant thing the PKK has achieved in the last few years," said a journalist in Diyarbakir. "A lot of people who don't approve of their methods still watch Med-TV. It proves that Kurdish nationalism is alive and well."

At first, say local residents, the police paid children to steal parts of new satellite dishes. Now they have given them the night, and satellite dishes are on every rooftop.

That means the PKK and its elusive leader, Abdullah Ocalan, who is based in Syria, can get their message across to thousands of people every day. They no longer have to carry their fight physically into Kurdish-majority cities like Diyarbakir, where the army has restored state control.

The real war has moved further away, to the mountains in the south-east.

The army says it has the PKK on the run. This year it launched one of its biggest operations ever, involving up to 50,000 troops backed by fighter jets and helicopter gunships. For the past few weeks they have combed the mountains north of Diyarbakir, hunting down what they call the remnants of the PKK.

"The terrorists aren't able to operate in our region now," General Nihat Senogul told a group of journalists flown in to a hillside encampment. "That's because of the effectiveness of our military campaign."

Boostered by better weapons and a greater understanding of how to fight a mobile guerrilla force, the army is confidently predicting the PKK's demise.

There is no doubt that the PKK has lost ground to the army in the past few years, but the price has been terribly high — thousands of people killed, thousands of villages forcibly evacuated and human rights trampled underfoot. Nevertheless, the Turkish state is once again proclaiming a new dawn in the south-east.

"Things are going very well here," enthused Hakkı Uzun, the deputy governor of six districts which are ruled under a state of emergency. "Diyarbakir is a normal city again."

On one level that is true, certainly compared with a few years ago, when the city was under siege. Now families head out to the edge of town for evening picnics, and a tourist bus on a city street raises few eyebrows.

But the underlying causes of the conflict remain. Many Kurds still want greater recognition of their cultural identity, the right to educate their children in their own language, and a measure of political autonomy.

"They say they've won, but who have they beaten?" asked an official of the Kurdish political party, HADEP. "It's just propaganda. The Kurds are still here and nothing much has changed."

Undaunted, the army insists that it now wants to win local hearts and minds. It will have to compete with the message coming out of the sky.

## Rights activist identifies hitmen



**T**URKEY'S leading human rights activist, Akın Birdal (pictured above in his hospital bed), identified two men yesterday as the gunmen who shot and seriously wounded him earlier this month.

The police brought the accused to Akın Birdal in hospital where he identified them, a Human Rights Association official, Meral Bekar, said. "Then they came here and our personnel also identified them."

Two men walked past staff at the association's office in central Ankara on May 12, shot Mr Birdal six times in his chest and legs, then fled. — Reuters.

## Habibie bows to cabinet revolt

Nick Cunningham-Bruce  
in Jakarta

**I**N AN effort to check a widening revolt by his new cabinet ministers, the Indonesian president, B. J. Habibie, is expected to announce that he will call a general election within a year.

The opposition leader, Anwar Rais, said yesterday that he understood Mr Habibie would make an announcement in the next few days about holding the early elections.

The rebellion in the "reform cabinet" gained momentum yesterday when five economic affairs ministers, sworn in on Saturday, allied themselves with the respected economic policy co-ordinator, Ginandjar Kartasasmita.

Mr Ginandjar said on Saturday that some new ministers never intended to serve out their five-year terms, insisting that the president should seek a new mandate through elections as soon as possible.

"Economic recovery cannot be achieved without a conducive political climate," warned Mr Ginandjar, who is in charge of negotiations with the International Monetary Fund.

Meanwhile, political prisoners are expected to walk free from the Suharto-era gulag of Jakarta's Cipinang prison today, in the first visible attempt by the four-day-old president to step out from his predecessor's shadow.

The leader of Indonesia's only independent labour union, Mochtar Pakpahan, and the prominent Suharto critic Sri Bintang Pamungkas are expected to be among the first prisoners freed in a symbolic gesture intended to persuade the country that Mr Habibie means business on reform.

Mr Rais said Mr Habibie had told him on Saturday that he would make the announcement today "and the two will be set free".

"The attorney-general has made the proposal and the justice minister said he will do it," Dewi Fortuna Anwar, a close adviser to Mr Habibie, confirmed. Military chiefs have already agreed to the release of these detainees, she said, but not to the release of the East Timorese resistance

leader, Xanana Gusmao, or those jailed for alleged communist activities.

Mr Pakpahan's family said last night they had received no official notice of his release but would visit the jail today. Mr Pakpahan has served most of a four-year sentence for inciting riots.

Mr Pamungkas, jailed for 34 months for a speech to students in Germany attacking Mr Suharto, demanded yesterday they be freed unconditionally.

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South Africa's President Nelson Mandela visited Gusmao last year and appealed for his release. The East Timorese activist and 1996 Nobel Peace laureate Jose Ramos Horta said the prize should have gone to Gusmao.

Gusmao said he was surprised to hear of Gen Suharto's resignation, but added that he did not trust the president's successor, B. J. Habibie, "because he is part of Suharto's era".

## 'I'll never forgive them for what they put me through'

A man jailed for 12 years in Israel's south Lebanon zone talks in Beirut to David Sharrock

**H**ASSAN had no warning of his release. After 12 years of imprisonment without trial at Al-Khiam jail in south Lebanon, he was suddenly free to go. He feels guilty about the 160 inmates left behind.

Visitors to Al-Khiam, in Israel's 9-mile-wide "security zone", are rare. For 10 years the International Committee of the Red Cross was denied access, as were relatives.

In 1995 the ban was lifted and limited access allowed. But last September, when 12 Israeli soldiers were killed in a Hizbullah ambush in Lebanon, the shutters came down again.

Hassan is the first person in nine months to bring news from Al-Khiam.

Sitting up in bed in a Beirut hospital he told me he lived for 12 years in a cell measuring 8ft by 30ft with 11 other prisoners — all detained without trial.

"I was first put in a room only 90 centimetres square [3ft by 3ft] and kept there for two months. I was tortured for months. Once I was kept without food and water for four days."

"I was questioned by the South Lebanese Army (SLA) mainly Christian force allied to, and paid by, Israel but the Israelis came regularly to check up on everything. I was whipped and beaten with sticks; they attached wires to my fingers and genitals and electrocuted me."

"They would put a hood over my head and I could hear one man hand-cranked a generator and another sprayed me with water until I passed out. I

was starved and denied sleep for three months. Since then I have been beaten regularly, and they use psychological torture."

"They told me again and again that they would kill my family. One prisoner even had his sister brought in and they told him they would torture her, too."

Hassan has no news of the jail's most famous inmate, Suha Bishara, held in solitary. In 1988 Ms Bishara, then a 21-year-old student, shot and wounded General Antoine Lahad, the South Lebanese Army (SLA) commander. She has never been tried, and in March the Public Committee Against Torture in Israel petitioned the Israeli high court for her release.

Israel denies any responsibility for Al-Khiam, claiming it to be "a south Lebanese prison facility". But the SLA directs all inquiries to the Israeli Defence Force. Among the inmates are five children, according to Amnesty International. Fourteen detainees have died.

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THE sales assistant was indignant. "Duelling?" she said. "Absolutely not. That's just some nonsense spread abroad to make Paraguay look bad." Around us in the Asunción department store were displays of pistols. The gun trade is a big part of Paraguay's flourishing black market.

"We sell legal guns, only to people of good conduct who have licenses," she added. "Some people buy them for personal defence — small guns."

"And not for duelling at all, then?" I asked. She gave me a disdainful glance and a reply in which the word *mentira* — Spanish for "lie" — featured repeatedly.

In the days when duelling was common, it could take a lifetime for someone in say, Basingstoke, to fall victim to a *mentira* originating in Paraguay. But now we have the Internet, an unrivalled medium for misinformation.

Try an online search combining the words "Paraguay" and "duel". Your screen will be crammed with links. You will read: "Duelling is legal in Paraguay, provided both parties are registered blood donors."

I can confirm duelling is not — never has been — legal in Paraguay, regardless of your standing at the blood bank. The penal code says so.

That doesn't mean duels don't occur. "There are two kinds of law in Paraguay," said Gloria at the museum. "The written kind and those that are applied."

In rural Paraguay, especially late on Friday nights, duels are not uncommon. Whether or not you get charged depends on who you are and whom you killed or maimed.

Among city folk, challenges are more common than duels. "The last one took place in my home town, Villa Rica," said the man who sold me a copy of the penal code.

AROUND three years ago, a general's daughter was visiting her children at her estranged husband's house when her former brother-in-law mistreated her. The general challenged the brother-in-law to a duel, but the latter wisely did not show up.

The most famous recent near-duel started at the late Humberto Dominguez Dibb, once married to dictator Alfredo Stroessner's daughter. For reasons no one recalls, Dominguez Dibb was challenged by a leading Stroessner army officer, Oscar Zaccarias. Neither was sober but Dominguez Dibb was sufficiently composed to advertise the time and place in the newspaper he owned, so ensuring the police prevented bloodshed.

"In my youth it was common to hear the phrase, 'My second will be paying you a visit,'" said historian Carlos Alberto Pusineri, aged 79, who did five years training with a foil to be on the safe side. "But no one ever got killed. And all the duels were clandestine."

Which just goes to show, as they used to say in the Spanish colonies: Don't believe all you read on the Internet.

Ulster says Yes...



## Now to introduce Northern Ireland to the delights of New Labour

Paul Bew



REJOICE, yes, over the referendum result. But let no one delude themselves that this vote signals the "end of history" on the Emerald Isle. It is all still to play for. Yet the people of Ireland, north and south, have spoken.

Their message is a simple one. There will not be a settlement of the modern Irish question based on the triumph of ethnic rage — whether Protestant/Unionist or Catholic/Nationalist. The key question remains how can this sophisticated historic compromise be best secured against those forces which would try to unstick it?

There remain strong traditions within both Unionism and Nationalism which would prefer a different outcome. To the end of the 1970s, the Unionist community had sufficient self-confidence and strength to conceive that it might be possible to deliver a knock-out blow against Nationalism. The 1974 power-sharing executive was brought down by the Ulster workers' strike and, in 1977, an even more radical Loyalist strike, attempting to subvert direct rule itself, came close to success.

In the 1980s, it was the Nationalists who dreamed of a decisive victory. Buoyed up by Mrs Thatcher's successful imposition in 1985 of the Anglo-Irish Agreement on a bitterly-opposed Unionist population, and also by the arrival of Libyan arms, the IRA intensified the pressure. But it became clear by the early 1990s that Semtex, while significant in itself, could not deliver a military victory on its own. Hence the decision of Mr Gerry Adams to go for a peace strategy alongside John

Hume in 1992. From the start, it assumed that the traditional Republican objective of a British declaration of intent to withdraw from Ireland within the lifetime of a parliament was unattainable. But this, in itself, did not banish the spectre of ethnic triumphalism. Mr Adams became focused on a new concept: that Britain should be a persuader for Irish unity. Gradually however, Mr Adams has had to abandon this notion, too. But even three months ago Sinn Féin insisted its minimum requirement for a settlement included retention of the Irish territorial claim — rejected by well over 90 per cent of the Republic's voters on Friday — and the notion that north-south co-operation should not be responsible to a Northern Irish assembly.

When the SDLP and Ulster Unionists negotiated a deal on more moderate lines on the Thursday night before the Good Friday deadline, the Sinn Féin leadership had a stark choice. Either they could go back to waiting on the wild side or they could stick with the process and seek further concessions, notably early prisoner releases. Mr Adams decided to stick with the process, now underpinned by the will of the people.

Many believe and fear that the political future of Sinn Féin in the north is a bright one. It is a young and growing party and the SDLP, which at the moment has a majority of the Catholic vote, often looks tired and middle-aged. Perhaps so — but at any point of genuine difficulty during the talks process, Sinn Féin took refuge in the story of Irish historical grievance. This double referendum, however, has changed mat-

ters. The people of the island are saying that whatever the injustices of the past might be, they exist on both sides — this is the settlement that they want. This is a redefinition of the whole problem which is not to the advantage of those within Sinn Féin who are still attracted to a militant Republican agenda. Sinn Féin can still pursue the equality agenda in the north. But few of the Unionists who had doubts about Friday's referendum were concerned primarily about the implementation of an equality agenda.

AFTER the last major Republican split in 1970, the "Official" Republicans were able to tap into what was then still a lively socialist political culture; it remains to be seen if Sinn Féin can find anything quite so substantial as a means of relating to the modern world. The fear is that they will not, and then revert to type; it is hard, despite the existence of conflicting signals, to see a return to armed struggle. But the ability to manipulate sectarian tension remains. When the marching season comes, Sinn Féin will have plenty of opportunity, in alliance with some Orangemen, to create storms if they so wish; the hope is that there are some in the Sinn Féin leadership who are tired of these games and no longer wish to play them.

What about Sinn Féin's chief antagonist, David Trimble? Trimble is determined that the devolved Northern Ireland assembly should play a full part in Tony Blair's project of constitutional reform throughout the United Kingdom. The old Stormont was a

rather isolated backwater dominated by a "good old boy" culture; the new Northern Ireland assembly, built on cross-community co-operation, is part of a UK-wide project to democratise the structures of this multi-national state. The Yes vote gives Trimble the initiative, but the internal struggle in Unionism is not over.

It is still possible the Unionist community will return a wrecking majority to the new assembly. The Irish government is so relieved by Sinn Féin's acceptance of the agreement — which has in fact been rather more complete than expected — that it inclines to gestures, notably on prisoner releases, which tend to destabilise Unionist opinion.

As a counterbalance, the prime minister has had to reassure ordinary citizens that the day of private armies in politics is over. He has been maintaining the pressure on this point and was rewarded this week when Michel McLaughlin of Sinn Féin hinted that decommissioning would, indeed, occur. Many fear the agreement will merely entrench communalism — and it has to be accepted that some of its provisions point in this direction — so it is all the more vital that democratic rules are upheld. In such a context, Blair must still give Northern Ireland his full attention and he might as a gesture, as part of his contribution to the new politics of the province, think again about the principle of conceding Labour Party membership to the citizens of Northern Ireland.

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## Pope versus the aliens

Polly Toynbee



THE Pope is preparing an encyclical against superstition. Oxy-moron, or what? The Pontiff is writing a report about the dangers of people believing in magic, levitations, visitations by spirits, aliens, angels and the like. The mind boggles. Some might suggest he start with the Turin Shroud. And what of transubstantiation, virgin visions, appearances of the stigmata, to say nothing of ascensions and assumptions? Since this is Whitsuntide, what of spirits descending in fire to worshipers rolling on the floor and speaking in tongues?

No, it is the New Age the Pope will condemn. The Vatican was recently told that New Age practices and beliefs were rife inside its own convents and monasteries. Bishops across the world are anxiously reporting paganism breaking out in the pews. Crystals, pyramids, astrology, psychics, aliens and Eastern mysticism are invading the church. New Age treatments are regularly available in Catholic retreats, offering aromatherapy, Sufi dancing and use of the sunesgram — a nine sided figure — with rebirthing and mind-expanding techniques. Where are they to draw the line? the bishops ask. When does meditation and chanting become heresy? How does the church persuade people to believe their own superstition, while damning others? Eternal vigilance is the price of true dogma.

If it's happening in the Roman Catholic church, it's even more of a problem for Protestants, especially evangelicals. "It's just so galling," says Keith Ewing of the Evangelical Alliance. "The hard evidence for the resurrection is extraordinarily compelling compared with all this." There is now a growing group calling themselves Christaqualising, merging Christ into the New Age. St James' C of E church in Piccadilly organises a programme called Alternatives, which includes the "transformative and miraculous powers" of group chant, collective memory exercises connecting people to their ancestors, pets and the environment, meditative drumming and "100 per cent Happiness". The programme comes with this "Friendly Disclaimer" on the cover: "Although St James' Church, in its openness of heart and mind, includes Alternatives, the ideas in the programme are not representative of the church itself."

IN LONDON this week is the annual bizarre Mind Body Spirit Festival. It has become a trade fair for a big industry, replete with stalls for New Age marketing and PR agencies. Here you can heal your inner child, release your psychic energy, unlock your pathways or have an out-of-body experience with Don the gong master. You can have your eyeballs massaged and your aura photographed. The big commercial growth areas like Feng Shui have become as much a part of the interior decorating scene as wallpaper. This stuff has entered seamlessly into everyday living. The supernatural permeates the national psyche as never before. A recent ICM poll showed 63 per cent of people believe in the paranormal. A Leeds University study shows over from conventional religious belief 35 per cent believe in second sight and 67 per cent in astrology. A British Social Attitudes Survey shows only one in five believes unequivocally in a God, though 65 per cent call themselves Christians culturally. Another survey showed 22 per cent of all Europeans now believe in reincarnation. In California, 25 per cent of people believe they are alien "walk-ins" — taken over by an invasion of the soul from outer space. Fr Peter Fleetwood, the

British priest who acts as secretary to the Pontifical Commission, says a line will be drawn. "Reincarnation, for instance, is out of the question. But there is much we could learn from the methodology of the New Age. Their holistic approach does offer a warmer sense of belonging, of personal significance and spiritual experiences that they have not so good at those things. They are so well-packaged and well-marketed these days — it's a big challenge for us." The doctrinal issues are utterly puzzling to any outsider. Distinguishing which miracles and supernatural phenomena are OK is beyond rational contemplation for those of us as bemused by the eucharist as by Incan Heavy Energy Digestion.

Fr Fleetwood's strongest case against New Agers is that they are individualistic and narcissistic, so busy exploring personal experiences that they have no time for community or social concern. They have no community organisation or moral codes, because belief in the paranormal requires nothing of you, no self-denial, no love. It is spiritual materialism — getting what you can, no strings, no rules, a personal freedom religion. I was too polite to point out to Fr Fleetwood that one superstition looks as absurd as another from the outside — and as for its moral effects, consider the damage the Catholic Church does with the Pope's barbaric teaching on contraception and abortion.

But the real question is why belief in any kind of supernatural has taken such firm root, just as we seemed at last to be approaching an age of reason. Peter Clark, professor of the history and sociology of religion at King's College, London, says: "We live in the most superstitious age ever." He notes glumly that a psychic will get 1,500 people into a lecture theatre, while a philosopher is lucky to draw 20. Why?

Forty years ago, he says, one would have guessed there would be such a wholesale swallowing of superstitious beliefs. There is, he says, a new sense of the limits of science — plus highly commercialised selling of New Agery. He thinks there never was an age of enlightenment. Society was strictly governed by codes, including rules on what you could believe. Now that people are freer to live as they like in a pluralist world, they are also freer to think what they like. "Forty years ago, if someone told their neighbour they believed in UFOs, they'd have been treated as a lunatic. Now anything goes." (Consider the Daily Mail, uncritically full of New Age stuff they'd have condemned as dangerous hippy nonsense a few decades ago.)

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## Endpiece: Bit of a lather

Roy Hattersley



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The consultant was ready for me but, unfortunately, I

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The dermatologist was all that I hoped he would be — calm, confident, concerned and reassuring. Though I was disconcerted by the discovery that he had made a rude drawing on his note pad. The realisation that the drawing was of me had such a destabilising effect that I could not give sensible answers to his questions. Asked to name the first ointment I had been prescribed, I replied, "A white one in a red tube." The second equally unsuccessful remedy I identified as yellow in blue. The consultant decided to adopt the bedside manner of a paediatrician. "I think," he said, "we'll try brown in green."

The more he talked to me, the more reassured I felt. But our relationship suffered a setback when he asked me how often I bathed. Where I come from bathing is the penalty for filth. So I told him sternly that I showered at least once a day.

Not satisfied, he demanded that I demonstrate how I do it. I gave what I believed to be a convincing imitation of Mary Martin singing, "I'm going to wash that man right out of my hair." Was the shampoo, he asked, allowed to run down my back? Did I soap myself all over?

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Leverhulme who — I now accept without reservation — perpetrated a confidence trick on the gullible Victorian poor. Cleanliness, however near to godliness, can be achieved without chemical assistance which — to persons with particularly sensitive skins — can actually induce illness. One of the complaints made against me by my mother 50 years ago appears to be justified. I am allergic to soap and water.

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have believed — and may believe now — I am essentially a Lifebuoy and scrubbing brush man. I recall the distinctive pink smell.

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## Eyes on the prize

Northern Ireland's people have chosen their future

THE FUTURE look on the past in Northern Ireland and won. Ranged on one side were the bitter memories of a thirty years war, the memories and hurt that refused to go away. Ranged on the other were fatigue with a futile conflict, the realisation that no one could ever win the battle of Ulster and that it was best for the two communities who share that land to live in it together. On one side were Ian Paisley and his prophets of doom, bellowing a loud, long No. On the other was perhaps the unlikely coalition ever assembled: Sinn Féin and the Ulster Unionists, Bono and a former chief constable of the RUC, Bill Clinton and William Hague, Richard Branson and the Balcombe Street gang, Tony Blair and the loyalist prisoners of the Maze. They all said Yes to the Good Friday agreement, and this weekend's referendum result saw them recruit the most crucial ally of all to their coalition: the people of Northern Ireland themselves. More than 70 per cent said the word loud and clear: Yes.

There are disputes as to the exact proportion of Unionists who voted that way. The Paisleyites bend the figures to argue that the 71-to-29 per cent victory margin means a majority of that community voted No. David Trimble reckons the number of Unionist recalcitrants is closer to 35 per cent. Since people did not cast their votes with colour-coded ballot papers of orange and green, we shall never know for sure. But maybe we don't need to. For one thing, as Mo Mowlam pointed out after hearing the result, a 3-1 victory hardly needs a replay. More deeply, if the people's verdict on Friday means anything, it surely reveals a desire to get away from the old sectarianism — the one where Northern Ireland's people are always counted separately. So what happens next? In a month's time, Northern Ireland voters go to the polls yet again, to elect the new assembly approved on Friday. The politicians of the province must be the most exhausted in the democratic world: no sooner had they finished

their all-night marathon talks which culminated in agreement, than they were plunged into a long referendum campaign. Now they have to find new energies — to win a role in Northern Ireland's first attempt at self-rule in a generation. Sinn Féin showed its usual political guile by striking first. Gerry Adams' offer of an electoral pact with the SDLP was briskly snubbed by John Hume — who believes he needs no help from anybody after seeing polls which tip his party to be the largest single entity in the new body. Still, he risked looking narrow and partisan while Mr Adams scored PR points by casting himself as a nationalist unifier, a man seeking to end the old infighting. For relative newcomers to democratic politics, Sinn Féin are extremely good at it. Mr Adams' second move was, once again, to ask David Trimble to talk to him face to face, something the Ulster Unionist leader has steadfastly refused to do. Those who want an outbreak of peace, love and harmony in Belfast may wish Mr Trimble would reach out a symbolic hand, but they can hardly blame him for refusing. He wants to give no quarter to his headline critics within Unionism, the erstwhile leaders of the No campaign. Mr Trimble is right to worry. Many Unionist waverers may be

glad that the agreement went through and that the assembly is on its way — but now think they should pack the body with tough guys, just to keep it on the pro-union rails. They may believe that the presence of Mr Paisley and his nit-picking confrere, the UK Unionist MP Robert McCartney, will block the Sinn Féin crowd from wielding too much influence. An assembly with a strong Paisleyite hue may strike some Unionists as the best of both worlds. But that would be a big mistake. The No campaigners have been quite open that their role in such a body will be as wreckers. They now have a political, even personal interest in proving that they were right all along — and that shared rule cannot work. Unionists took a great step forward on Friday. They should not take a step back by voting for the agreement's would-be saboteurs on June 25. All sides need to adopt the same attitude to the other rejectionists who remain bent on undoing Friday's good work. The men of terror on both sides have not gone away. Just yesterday a bomb was found under a railway bridge in a nationalist district of south west Belfast, amid fears that the Loyalist Volunteer Force could soon call off the ceasefire it announced in the last stages of the referendum campaign. In this atmo-

sphere, there are useful gestures the pro-agreement forces could make. Gerry Adams could talk more of his desire to bring the war to an end. David Trimble could lean on the Orange Order not to send its annual march at Drumcree on July 12 down the nationalist Garvaghy Road. Both moves would help focus Ulster eyes on the prize of co-operation. For now, all the people who brought Northern Ireland to this moment of possibility deserve some congratulation — from the province's politicians to the former paramilitaries, the Irish Government to the Clinton administration, from John Major to Mo Mowlam. Tony Blair deserves special credit: his presence last week reassured Unionists just as they lurched dangerously close to a No vote. After referendum successes in Scotland, Wales and London Mr Blair can now boast a four-out-of-four victory run — but this is the one that mattered most. After little more than a year in office, he has apparently secured the prize which has eluded every prime minister since Gladstone. But the greatest credit goes not to a single politician, but to the million-plus voters of Northern Ireland. They took a leap of faith on Friday, from a bloody past to a new future. We congratulate them — and wish them luck.

### Letters to the Editor

#### Sex, spies and videotape

THANK you for your fascinating piece on literary spies (I wandered lonely as a spy, May 23). However, the Erskine Childers depicted is not the author of *Riddle of the Sands* but the son or nephew (I can't remember which) who in much more recent times was to become president of the Republic of Ireland. Moreover, given Erskine Childers (the elder's) sadly true prediction of the effects of partition — it is nothing short of wonderful that the novel should appear in the day of the fantastic referendum results in both parts of Ireland. Tim Hall, London.

ROS Gward writes (Di social, May 23): "I am sure that it is a death described how the response to the funeral failed to stir him whereas the serenity of the Burre Requiem performance in the Albert Hall induced an awe." I hope it isn't too "schibitz" "middle class" "middle-aged" and "mild" to point out that I said no such thing! I did write in the Sunday Telegraph magazine that: "I attended a performance of Verdi's Requiem; 2. I compared Verdi's Mass to Carle in the Wind, not to 'the public response to the funeral'; 3. I did not describe the Verdi as 'serene'. It isn't I write 'Eton John may be said in the face of death, but Verdi sees the life out of you in the life line.' In Elitop, London.

ON THE same day (May 23) that government figures show hospital waiting lists increasing, you report that the UK Central Council for Nursing is to carry out its own criminal investigation into the two nurses released from prison in Saudi Arabia "with the same standard of proof as a criminal court". Will this involve any transfer of funds from medical provisions to lawyers, and do we know which lawyers deemed this little exercise necessary? Charles Smith, Knutsford, Cheshire.

SURELY Viagra (impotence) pill alert after six users die, May 23) would be the least of a lot of problems had he ingested nitroglycerine? Sean Hughes, Manchester.

### What it all adds up to

A FEW simple calculations should expose the absurdity of the Paisley-McCartney claim that a majority of Unionists voted No in Friday's Northern Ireland referendum. The total electorate was 1,175,403. On a 60-40 split, 705,242 of eligible voters were Unionist and 470,161 were Nationalist. The turn-out was 80.98 per cent. Assume that Nationalists voted in larger numbers than Unionists, to the extent that the Nationalist turnout was 85 per cent. Also suppose that 90 per cent of Nationalists voted Yes. Then the number of Yes votes coming from Nationalists was 369,673. Since a total of 679,965 Yes votes were recorded, Unionists cast 310,292 Yes votes. A Nationalist turn-out of 85 per cent would imply that 78 per cent — constituting 550,089 people — voted. So, according to this scenario, 550,089 Unionist voters cast 310,292 Yes votes, representing a level of support for the Good Friday agreement among Unionists of 58 per cent. Vard K Borooah, Belfast.

WHEN politicians talk numbers, mathematics really is the only truth. By my calculation, even if all Catholics voted Yes, Catholics would have to exceed 42 per cent of the total population of Northern Ireland before it could be said that a majority of non-Catholics voted No. Ivor Annetts, Tiverton, Devon.

IAN Paisley's reaction to the referendum shows that his maths teacher was as poor as those who tutored him in science and logic. The fact that a significant minority in the six counties are as convinced as Paisley that two plus two equals five, that the election myths are true and that Catholicism is the source of all evil is disturbing. But this cannot detract from the potential to develop a new politics in Ireland based on peace, justice and equality, opened up by the people's endorsement of the Good Friday agreement. David Granville, Sheffield.

THE depiction of the referendum vote as being either against a conflict-ridden past

or for a peaceful future is an invention of the Yes camp. The people of Ulster have not voted to consign away the past but for a particular set of political measures. Yes voters and No voters alike will continue to have ample opportunity to act out their peculiar versions of history. The politicians' statements of hope — resolving differences, new Unionism, new Nationalism, and the like — are, unfortunately, still couched in the language of underlying tribal conflict. Take a typical optimistic claim, attributed to a Belfast lorry driver, that now... Falls people will walk on the Shankill, and Shankill people on the Falls... It defines people, as ever, in terms of whence they have come, rather than where they are going. Charles Smith, Knutsford, Cheshire.

JONATHAN Freedland is right to point out the paradoxical nature of much of Northern Ireland's politics. In fact there is not a single party to the conflict whose position does not contain significant tensions. The Irish government long maintained a constitutional commitment to a piece of land it does not want; the British government maintains that it is neutral in a conflict between British citizens and foreigners; the IRA has shot Irishmen in the name of fraternity; Loyalists serve Her Majesty from behind the bars of her prisons; the SDLP champions nationalism and yet swears the oath of allegiance to a foreign power; and the DUP attempts to maintain the polite fiction that being Protestant is only incidental to being Unionist. These tensions are more than run-of-the-mill contradictions. They are a reminder of the relevance of Northern Ireland. In its politics we hear echoes of the wars of religion, and see played out, 200 years later, the clash between revolution and evolution that started in France. Here, in a chetral form, we have the conflicts between religious and secular identities, and between parochial nationalism and a liberal universalism. The Yes vote in the referendum is a profoundly hopeful development, of significance to millions. As Britons we

must now start tackling some of our own paradoxes. For too long the denial of the war has been part of the war. Now that it is over we can admit it took place. We will need to get to the bottom of collusion between the security forces and Loyalist killers before we can get back to normal. Remember Pat Finucane. N D Martin-Clark, London.

AFTER spending 17 years in prison, with the opportunity to reconsider the merits of his position, Tony McIntyre remains an unreconstructed Provisional (We, the IRA, have failed, May 23).

Dismissed by the IRA's failure to get the "Brits Out", his objection seems to be on the terms of the surrender. Yet he fails to offer an alternative to surrender as an explanation for the IRA's failure. Let us be clear: the IRA's terror campaign failed because, firstly, it was a nakedly sectarian campaign directed mainly at the Northern Ireland population. It was aimed against the very people who needed to be persuaded to support a constitutional change. It is not surprising that, having borne the brunt of this terror campaign, they rejected the "Provisional project". Secondly, the IRA wrongly assumed the British would concede in the face of a long-term terror campaign. What is alarming about McIntyre's article is his trite dismissal of the principle of consent. That is, that there should be no change in Northern Ireland's constitutional position without majority support. He merely remarks that this was British state policy and one which the Provisionals have now accepted. Now he says it seems that "the war is over" like most reasonable people I surely hope so. But my worry is that the foot soldiers may disagree. The IRA has left us with a potent legacy of sectarian hatred which will take years to overcome. But how many of its supporters will cling to the certainties of the past and reject this opportunity for a lasting peace? Gerry Carr, Edenbridge, Kent.



#### It's neither healthy nor safe

AS THE first subject of the Health and Safety Executive's (HSE) Open Government initiative, "special monitoring", can I make a few comments on a George Monbiot's informative article (Un-safe to criticise, May 21)? When I questioned Mr Jenny Bacon, director general of the HSE, about the existence of this "secret list", she said: "... we shall continue to have specific arrangements for handling requests from you and others". But when I obtained a copy of the secret HSE memo of September 8, 1995, specifically about me, it was clear that it was my, sometimes, successful complaints to the Ombudsman about HSE maladministration, and other research on the HSE, that had upset them. The memo said: "He has not hesitated in the past to exploit publicly replies he has received from HSE where he feels this would cause us embarrassment". I want the HSE to inspect more workplaces for health and safety hazards and stop inspecting me. A J P Dalton, Health and safety co-ordinator, T & G Central Office, London.

SOME two years ago, we presented a paper at a conference, based upon research of regulatory practices in the offshore oil industry. Some months later, we managed to gain access to a small number of HSE inspectors and the final interview was interrupted by a senior member of the HSE who, with our conference paper in front of him, "reminded" us that HSE had a "substantial research budget", but that this money would "not be coming to Liverpool" were we to continue to write such critical pieces. This incident is illustrative of a general distinction maintained by HSE — and other Government departments — between official and critical research. The former gains funding, access and wide audiences. The latter is frequently undertaken on a shoestring, denied access, and marginalised in official debate. But, for as long as the HSE fails to enforce laws designed to provide minimal protection from death and injury, we shall remain critical. Steve Tombs, Criminal Justice Group, Liverpool John Moores University.

GEORGE Monbiot paints a misleading picture. I entirely agree that health and safety was not given the priority or resources it deserved by the last government but Mr Monbiot is wrong to say "not only have cuts been maintained". The Government has provided an extra £4.5 million for health and safety this financial year. The Health and Safety Commission, the Government's independent advisory body, is targeting these resources on increased inspection and enforcement by the HSE. More inspectors are being recruited. HSE's handling of requests for information from persistent enquirers is a matter for public management. My understanding is that this is not about secrecy, but about ensuring that people get information that is accurate and easily understood. Angela Eagle MP, Parliamentary Secretary of State, Department of the Environment.

#### The good and the great's message to the ministers

EUROPEAN foreign ministers meet in Brussels today to finalise key elements of the EU Code of Conduct on arms exports. Amendments still have to be made if it is to have a significant impact on the flow of arms from Europe to regions of conflict and regimes that abuse human rights.

The European Union accounts for 40 per cent of all arms exports to the developing world. The violent suppression of pro-democracy demonstrators in Indonesia — one of the main recipients of arms from Europe — is a stark reminder of the need for tougher guidelines governing exports to countries that abuse human rights. More rigorous consultation between countries to prevent one from granting an export which another has refused are also essential. Furthermore, the code should include improved measures for transparency and parliamentary scrutiny so that the public can effectively monitor weapons sales. A strong European Code will also be an essential building block for the establishment of an international code of conduct on arms transfers such as the one we Nobel Peace laureates have written. First proposed in 1985 by Oscar Arias, former president of Costa Rica, our initiative establishes clear moral guidelines that all nations, rich and

poor, must uphold when considering arms transfers. The EU has the opportunity now to demonstrate its moral leadership on the world stage. Dr Oscar Arias, (Nobel Peace Prize winner) Jose Ramos-Olta, (Nobel Prize winner 1995) Prof Joseph Rothblat, (Nobel Prize winner 1995), Archbishop Desmond Tutu, (Nobel Prize winner 1984) and two others, London. We do not publish letters where only an e-mail address is supplied; please include a full postal address. We may edit letters: shorter ones are more likely to be printed. The Country Diary is on Page 8.

## Missing the bus

### David McKie

MINISTERS (by whom I suppose they mean John Prescott) are drawing up plans, it says in the Sunday Times, to "gentrify" Britain's buses in the hope of tempting the middle classes to use them. "If we are to get the car-owners back on the buses," a Whitehall source is quoted as saying, "we have to get rid of the 'yuk' factor

which hits you on so many of these vehicles." While anything that gets cars off the road is to be applauded, I suspect this may end in tears. For those who use buses a lot, even yucky buses are better than none, especially if they are running on time. The one benefit of the Tory deregulation is that so many buses, some not much bigger than vans, are now penetrating by-ways which no double-decker could have attempted, so that people, especially the elderly, who couldn't face a long walk to the bus stop are being plugged back into society. Many (and I speak from experience, since I use buses a lot) are fearful old rattle-traps from which you emerge both shaken and stirred; but they get you there. And just as some people fear that a statutory minimum wage would eliminate jobs, I fear that a

statutory minimum bus could eliminate routes which keep some communities viable. Of course, if the Government lavishes money on local authorities to ensure that rattle-traps hurtling down country lanes are replaced by sleek numbers with carpets, hot and cold running water, etc, this objection would fall. But one can't see the Treasury, already committed by last March's Budget to bump up bus subsidies, finding additional cash on the scale which would make your local bus a match for your Ford Mondeo. And in any case, this gentrification strategy is based on a false assumption: that the lack of modern and air-conditioned and state-of-the-art CD is what keeps the middle class off the buses. It isn't. There are other more powerful influences which, whatever the focus groups are telling John Prescott, are far

more persuasive. First, buses won't go where you want them to go: they go where their Fat Controllers tell them to. There's a famous tale of Lord Curzon boarding a bus for the only time in his life and telling the conductor: "I want to go to the Ritz". It may not be true but it still survives because it captures an unfortunate truth about buses for middle (or in his case upper) class users. THEN there's the company: the other people with whom you must share your seat as you don't have to share your car. The Tory MP Steve Norris, who never cared much for convention, got into trouble when transport minister for saying he didn't like buses because of the other passengers. This too is a defect which cannot be cured by putting in clocks and carpets. Having been on a bus last autumn

from Walton-on-the-Naze to Jaywick, where a woman who must have been so rebuked the driver for some minor failing in terms of the foulest abuse, with a loving description of what she would do to his innards if given the chance, I know what Norris means. All other things being equal, you probably get a more peculiar class of passenger on rattle-trap buses than you do on the trains. But sometimes that's the attraction. You hear far richer conversations on buses than you do on the railway. The day Diana died I boarded a bus on which a debate was raging about her life and her death which uncovered all kinds of attitudes which it took the newspapers days to catch up with. On a bus up the Tottenham Court Road, I once heard an elderly woman who said to her husband: "Needs must

when the devil drives" trusted to the kind of trade which can only come from a lifetime of pent-up frustration. "I don't want no more of your moaning," he raged. "And I don't want no more of your probering." In the gentrified buses you won't hear conversations like that. Instead there'll be mobile phones and piped music. Albinoni, Vivaldi and Pachelbel on up-market routes and the Spice Girls everywhere else. "Under the proposals," the Sunday Times adds "drivers will be expected to be polite, addressing all customers — even teenagers — as sir and madam." Services where the driver says "love" will, I suppose, lose their licences. Such aspects of the minister's project seem to me to mistake both the nature of progress, and the nature of buses. But then, ministers rarely, if ever, travel by bus.

Take the time to listen and you'll hear what people are really saying.







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Texaco Trophy: England v South Africa

## Brown speeds England victory

Mike Selvey sees a late flurry from Adam Hollisloake's team restore some lost pride

**T**HE difference a day makes. Beaten at The Oval, and again at Old Trafford on Saturday, England cast off their inhibitions in the Headingley sunshine and slaughtered the most efficient one-day outfit in the business, winning the final match under Texaco's sponsorship by seven wickets with 15 overs in hand. This is definitely not a wind-up.

It brought to an end a string of six consecutive defeats for Adam Hollisloake — who instead of being placed in the stocks will now probably be put up for a knighthood — and an even sorer run of eight defeats by South Africa since Mike Atherton's side beat them by five wickets under lights in Bloemfontein more than two years ago. Strange to tell, yesterday's match was not even a contest, none of England's previous five wins (as against nine by South Africa) was as devastating.

The key was superb bowling — by Darren Gough, England's Man of the Series, and Angus Fraser that held the tourists to 34 for two after 13 overs, and later by Mark Boucher and Robert Croft — after South Africa had opted to bat first on a sprightly pitch that despite clear skies darted and dived wickedly at times.

They managed only 206 for

eight, a slender score that might have been a good deal fewer had Shaun Pollock, on four, not survived what appeared to be a catch at the wicket in Croft's first over. Pollock went on to make 60 from 64 balls, adding 40 for the sixth wicket with Hansie Cronje (35), and 52 for the eighth with Mark Boucher (26 not out). If England were slender favourites at the half-way stage, having Allan Donald and Pollock to exploit the pitch gave South Africa more than a glimmer of hope.

That was obliterated inside 17 overs by Alistair Brown and Nick Knight. With rhythm upset by the Headingley slope and the urgency of the situation, Cronje's bowlers lost discipline as the batsmen mocked conditions and reputations. Brown and Knight clobbered an opening partnership of 114.

Before he was run out by Jacques Kallis's supreme piece of fielding from cover point, Brown's contribution was 59 scored from just 40 balls with 11 fours, a display of free hitting that brought a standing ovation from the crowd and the Man of the Match award from Ian Botham, who knew a thing or two about batting here with a Double-O licence.

Brown passed his half-century in 31 balls, which if it appears sluggish by comparison with Sanath Jayasuriya's world record of 17 balls is second only for England to Chris Old's 30-ball effort against India in the 1975 World Cup at Lord's, and three balls faster than Graeme Hick's record for this competition, in 1992.

Knight, too, played another fine innings, reaching 51 from 79 balls with six boundaries before he was caught by Jonty Rhodes — South Africa's Man of the Series — at backward point as he propped forward to Donald.

By now, England could have afforded to throttle back. Instead Matthew Fleming, in at three, maintained the momentum with 16 from 17 balls, including a six over square leg from Lance Klusener, before Alec Stewart (26 not out) and Nasser Hussain (33 not out) wiped off the last 58 runs.

There will be temptation, as there is when England win Test matches at The Oval, to suggest that this win comes on the back of a dead series when the opposition do not carry the same sense of purpose. That would be insulting



Kicked into touch... Allan Donald despairs as Nick Knight and England belatedly get on with the job at Headingley

PHOTOGRAPH: JOHN GILES

both to South Africa, who went in with their first-choice team once more, and to England, who for the first time this summer (and indeed the first time since they beat West Indies by 16 runs in Bridgetown at the end of March) played compelling, confident and competent cricket.

If Hollisloake has taken the bulk of the flak for the team's recent performances, then he in turn deserves credit now.

On Saturday, when with South Africa at 166 for seven his side had the opportunity to secure a winning position with the ball, he was criticised for not bringing back Gough to finish things off. South Africa recovered to 226 for nine and bowled England out for 194. This time he kept his finger on the pulse, rotated his bowling sensibly, brought Gough back on cue (and saw him hammered for 40 runs from four overs for

his pains) and generally did not let go.

"We exploited the conditions better than them," Hollisloake said afterwards. "After the first two games, we decided to be positive in this one, and approach it aggressively. When you are losing, you wonder when it will end, but hopefully we have stopped the flood."

The issue of whether Hollisloake retains the captaincy for the triangular series later

in the summer and beyond is still up in the air. There are those who would wish to unify the position simply because to do otherwise goes against the grain. But the chairman of selectors David Graveney had the vision to realise that the one-day captaincy might require different qualities than that Test job, and little has happened to deflect him from that view.

"The situation is no different to when we appointed Adam

and Alec Stewart a few weeks ago," Graveney said last night. "As selectors, we will evaluate what has happened and decide where to go from here, perhaps when we meet to pick the Test side this weekend. We cannot let things drift on. But it is very important to identify and stick with a group of players. In that regard we have learned a lot from South Africa, who have benefited from being a unit that has been together a long time."

Graveney will probably meet resistance from his fellow selectors Mike Gatting and Graham Gooch, who outvoted him on the issue before the Caribbean tour and ousted Hollisloake in favour of Atherton. But this time, if he really believes in the strategy, the chairman has to take the high ground and hold it, or threaten the consequences.

David Hopps and Saturday scoreboard, page 17



Loye... 332 but no cigar

## Loye's the boy as the records shatter

Rob Steen

**T**HE number-crunchers have seldom known anything like it. All manner of records hit the dust at Northampton yesterday, and all in the name of a draw.

When Northamptonshire began their second innings against Glamorgan on Saturday, they trailed by 391 runs. At 142 for four, moreover, defeat seemed inevitable. Instead Malachy Loye and David Ripley added 401, supplanting an 89-year-old English record for the fifth wicket.

Although Ripley went for 209 yesterday afternoon, Loye, a gifted 25-year-old hitherto dogged by injury, swept on to 322 not out in a shade under 11 hours, striking 49 fours. The previous best for the county had been 300, by Raman Subba Row in 1959. Northants' eventual 713 constituted the highest second-innings total ever achieved in this country, usurping Cambridge University's 708 for nine declared in 1890. Glamorgan, it bears recalling, are the county champions.

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### Headingley scoreboard

<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>	
G Kirsten b Fraser	19
G P J Lisenberg run out	13
J H Kallis run out	13
D J Cullinan run out	13
W J Cronje c Stewart b Eastham	52
J H Rhodes c Stewart b Eastham	50
L Klusener c Stewart b Fraser	14
M W Pollock b Fleming	1
M V Boucher not out	1
Extremes (bat, wds, nb10)	17
Total (for 8, 50 overs)	206
Fall of wickets: 20, 25, 57, 60, 70, 116, 146, 195	
Did not bat: A A Donald, Matthew Gough	
England: 10-0-25-2; Fleming 10-1-41-1; Eastham 10-0-44-3; Croft 10-0-91-0.	
<b>ENGLAND</b>	
A V Knight c Rhodes b Donald	51
A D Brown run out	18
M V Fleming b Donald	15
T A J Stewart not out	26
N Hussain not out	33
Extremes (bat, wds, nb10)	19
Total (for 8, 35 overs)	206
Fall of wickets: 114, 126, 146	
Did not bat: D L Moody, A J Hollisloake, M A Eastham, A R C Fraser, R D B Croft, D Gough	
South Africa: 7-1-34-0; Klusener 6-0-45-0; Donald 7-0-35-2; Symcox 9-1-61-0; Cronje 6-0-32-0	
Matchwise: J H Hampshire and G Sharp	
England won by seven wickets.	

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## Football

World Cup warm-up: Scotland 2 Colombia 2

## Calm Scotland right on cue

Patrick Glenn in New Jersey sees Craig Brown's team begin to peak in time for the World Cup

**T**HE HUGE odds against Scotland winning the World Cup are unlikely to be cut to the merely large on the back of this sound performance, but anyone looking for reasons to bet that Craig Brown's side will qualify for the knock-out stages in France would have found it here at the Giants Stadium on Saturday evening.

Having arrived carrying the weary baggage of an unconvinced home public, Brown once again provided evidence of his extraordinary habit of getting international players to peak at precisely the right time.

In the week before this warm-up match Brown made no secret of his intention to "work them very hard" or his expectation that they would tire in the later stages. That prediction proved to be quite spookily right.

In front of a 56,000 crowd, the vast majority of them South Americans, it took an hour for the Scots to be affected by the rigours of their training schedule, by which time they had not only appeared superior to Colombia, but had proved it by carving out a 2-1 lead which could have been even greater.

The only mishap during those 90 minutes of composed defending, controlled midfield play and menacing attacking was the awkward challenge by Christian Dailly on Wilmer Cabrera, who was heading out of the box on the right when the Derby man gave him a nudge. It brought about the penalty from which Carlos Valderrama gave Colombia a 21st-minute lead.

That lapse was not to be repeated as Dailly went on to be one of the most impressive players on the field. Kenny Sansom, looking on for Glenn Hoddle in readiness for England's game against Colombia, said afterwards that Dailly "has excellent pace and gives Scotland good options".

Playing at left wing-back, Dailly again exhibited the versatility of a man who was in the Dundee United first-team at 16 and who, playing as a striker, a midfielder or a defender, won a total of 34 Scotland Under-21 caps and remains their most capped player at that level.

He is likely to revert to central defence — Brown's preference — in the World Cup, joining Colin Hendry and Colin Calderwood, with Tom Boyd moving back to the wide position on the left.

Dailly is one of the Scots who have come through since Euro 96 to make up what Brown believes is "a better group than we had two years ago". The other is Paul Lambert, who continues to impress with his command of the game, for club and country.

Every time Lambert plays,



Lambert the bustler... the Scotland midfielder beats Carlos Valderrama to the tackle in Saturday's draw with Colombia in New Jersey. *RAY STUBBS/LENE*

the uninformed observer would have little difficulty in identifying him as the one man in the side who possesses a European Cup winner's medal, won while with Borussia Dortmund.

Brown, cooing over many good Scottish performances on the night, could not resist highlighting the Celtic midfielder. "As for Paul Lambert," he said, "there wasn't a better player on view."



Dailly... conceded penalty

"This game proved we can compete against a good South American side and that will give us confidence."

Lambert's calming influence in the holding role will surely be invaluable in the World Cup opener against Brazil. He plays as though no occasion nor opponent can faze him.

Given the absence of the injured and unwell Kevin Gallacher, Scotland's goals predictably came from midfielders. John Collins hit a right-foot, 18-yard drive, from Darren Jackson's lay-off, to the left of Miguel Canales and Craig Burley struck a left-foot shot, from Jackson's pass, which went in off the goalkeeper.

They came in the 33rd and 43rd minutes, with Freddie Rincón equalising 10 minutes from the end with a low drive after Faustino Asprilla had darted through the Scottish defence and watched his shot hit the right-hand post, run along the line and strike the other upright, whence it bounced to his team-mate.

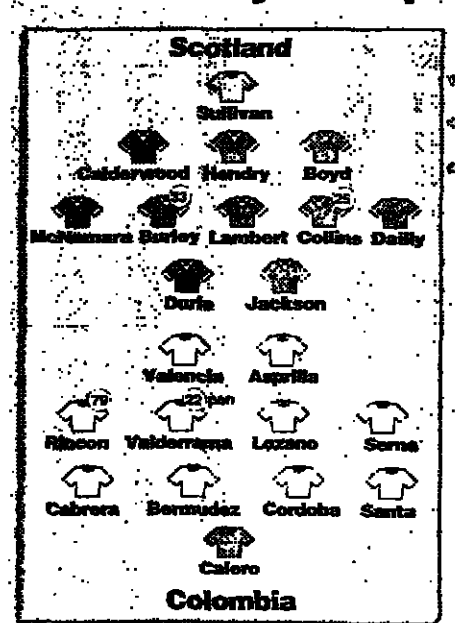
Sansom also said that he was encouraged by the long periods in which Colombia were subdued, but believed that they will be more formidable in France.

"I got the impression they still had another gear to shift up," he added. "I think you'll see a different Colombia in their opening match against Romania. Anybody playing them will have to concentrate for 90 minutes and the Scots did concentrate for most of the time."

Rincón looks a very dangerous player, but Valderrama is almost 37 now and doesn't seem to give them the drive he once did.

Scotland move on to Washington for their last warm-up match, against the US on Saturday, with morale high and Brown as optimistic as ever.

## New Jersey line-ups



Second Division play-off final  
Grimsby Town 1 Northampton Town 0

## Donovan is on song to strike the First note

Trevor Haylett at Wembley sees the Mariners' marathon come to a successful conclusion

**T**HEY will be known as Greedy Grimsby after inscribing their name on the honours board for the second time this season. It was more difficult to pin a label on Kevin Donovan, the Mariners' match winner who put this promotion triumph in jeopardy with a second-half penalty failure.

Donovan also underhit a back pass that almost brought Northampton an equaliser. Perhaps, having given Grimsby an 18th minute lead, he was investing too much faith in recent play-off history. The last five Wembley play-off finals have all finished 1-0.

Remembering how Northampton had won last year's Third Division finale with a winner deep into injury time, Grimsby knew there would be no respite until the final kick of an incessantly tiring campaign. There were several heart-stopping moments to endure before they were assured of reclaiming the First Division place they lost last year.

Their 68-game season also included victory in the Auto Windscreens Shield five weeks earlier and Coca-Cola Cup wins over Leicester and Sheffield Wednesday. It was a season that paid eloquent testimony to the motivational powers and organisational skills of Alan Buckley. "I feel totally drained but this is a massive result for the town and the club," he said.

Yesterday's success over Ian Atkins's dogged Northampton was deserved. Grimsby produced a methodical football worthy of a higher stage and, in the one decisive moment, had the means to punish defensive error.

Under pressure from

Jack Lester, the Northampton centre-back Colin Hill, a veteran of four previous play-off showdowns, missed Wayne Burnett's through pass and allowed Donovan a clear run on goal. The Northern Ireland winger seemed to have pushed the ball too far in his attempt to avoid the on-rushing Andy Woodman yet retained the presence of mind to slide the ball into the empty net.

It was the only highlight of a dreadfully dull first half.

When Donovan erred with his back pass just after the hour, the lively Chris Freestone managed to wriggle away from the Grimsby goalkeeper Aidan Davidson but, tight to the byline, he was unable to take advantage. Only when Davidson took a heavy blow to the head late on did he begin to exhibit serious evidence of unease while his central defenders were always around to offer cover and aerial strength.

Northampton felt Hill had been fouled in the lead-up to the goal and also disputed the 78th-minute penalty when Lester caught Ray Warburton's heel and went down. Donovan, who has appeared in all but one of Grimsby's games and was a scorer in both league fixtures between these sides, stepped up wearily and Woodman read the direction of his shot to palm the ball away.

With seven minutes remaining, Paul Groves shook the crossbar with a rising drive.

Grimsby (4-4-2): Davidson; McDermott, Davidson, Lester, Gellman, Davidson; Burnett, Groves, Smith (Black, 67min); Hogan (Livingstone, 67), Lester.

Northampton (4-4-2): Woodman; Clark, Sampson, Hill (Gibb, 70); Warburton, Frail; Pear, Hunt, Higgs; Freestone, Gyle (Rice, 88).

Referee: T. Halliwell (Co Durham)

## Patient Curbishley scents long-awaited promotion

Mark Tallentire on Charlton's calm campaign for a Premiership berth

**A**FTER Charlton's 1-1 draw with Sunderland back in March the announcer at The Valley wished fans a safe trip home and said he hoped the clubs would meet in the Premiership next season.

Then, as at the end of the season, Sunderland were in third place and Charlton fourth, so perhaps they were destined to meet in today's play-off final rather than twice next season.

For Charlton, who have been in the second stream for eight seasons, today is as near to promotion they have been since 1995-96, when the team included their manager Alan Curbishley. "In terms of what winning means, this match is bigger than the FA Cup final," he says.

Promotion is worth £5.1 million in TV revenue and solvent Charlton are looking to make today pay. The board has pledged the lot for team strengthening.

It represents a sea-change. Two seasons back Charlton, after losing to Crystal Palace in the play-off semi-finals, sold Lee Bowyer to Leeds for £2.9 million and enhanced their image as a selling club. Little more than £500,000 was spent in 1996-97, but this time Curbishley has splashed

out around £1.7 million, and the club is reaping the dividends. Clive Mendonca cost £700,000 from Grimsby last summer and has responded with 25 goals. Matty Holmes arrived for £200,000 from Blackburn while transfer deadline week saw Curbishley hand Norwich £250,000 for Danny Mills and Bradford City £550,000 for Eddie Youds. Neither has appeared in a losing Charlton side yet.

Sasa Ilic came from St Leonards in the Dr Martens League after Curbishley, although well served for goalkeepers, signed him on a free. He has since displaced last season's Player of the Year Andy Petterson.

If the sides today are level after extra-time the game goes to penalties. Charlton did not practise them before the semi-final but have been working at spot-kicks over the weekend and also been training on a pitch marked out to Wembley dimensions, longer and wider than The Valley.

Curbishley says: "I've played in promotion sides and been involved with many others, but I don't think I've met a bunch of players as focused as mine."

If Charlton make it to the Premiership, his plan is to adopt the Leicester mode for survival rather than import a job-lot of ageing foreigners. Before that, whoever wins, Curbishley is looking forward to sharing a bottle of wine with Peter Reid, his opposite number today and a former England Under-21 colleague.

Republic of Ireland 0 Mexico 0

## Irish take heat out of Mexico

Charlie Stuart in Dublin

**T**HE Mexican coach Manuel Lapuente refused to entertain negative thoughts despite a drab, scoreless draw with a makeshift young Republic of Ireland side at Lansdowne Road on Saturday. Memories were erased of their 5-2 defeat by Norway in Oslo last Wednesday, but on the evidence of Saturday's performance the Central Americans will be very much among the World Cup also-rans.

"The bulk of the side who were on duty in Dublin will play in our opening games against Holland, Belgium and South Korea," said Lapuente.

"We defended well in the first half when the Irish were on top, but we controlled the final 45 minutes and might have scored a late goal."

The Republic of Ireland's manager Mick McCarthy will have only a spectator's role in France monitoring Croatia and Yugoslavia, teams that will present formidable opposition for the Irish when the European Championship qualifiers start in September.

McCarthy's starting line-up against Mexico will bear no resemblance to the side he hopes to field against Croatia in Dublin on September 5, with the injured Roy Keane, Denis Irwin, Jason McAteer, Steve Staunton and Kenny Cunningham, and Sunder-

land's Niall Quinn and Charlton's Mark Kinsella, both on Wembley duty today, all hopefully returning.

That would leave room only for Newcastle's goalkeeper Shay Given, the Leeds captain Gary Kelly, Liverpool's Phil Babb and Wolves's Robbie Keane to make up McCarthy's numbers.

On Saturday Robbie Keane, who will not celebrate his 18th birthday until August 8, was the darling of his hometown crowd. He peppered Mexico's over-reliant yet always alert goalkeeper Jorge Campos with a variety of shots, then on 83 minutes went within inches of breaking the deadlock on 20 yards.

On an historic weekend

when the Republic wore orange shirts and the Mexicans green, the Lansdowne aficionados voiced a resounding "Yes" vote that McCarthy's team are heading in the right direction. Edged out of a place in France when beaten 3-2 by Belgium over two legs last November, the manager's days of experimentation are over. All the same, three draws and three defeats from the last six games do not make for good reading.

But with the presence of the two Keanes, McAteer, Kelly, Given and Blackburn's winger Damien Duff, there is no reason for pessimism, even though it will be a frustrating exercise watching television next month.

## Simple Minds' front man joins group bidding to take over Celtic

**J**IM KERR, front man of the band Simple Minds, is supporting a move to take over the Scottish champions Celtic. He has also asked U2's lead singer Bono to back the consortium making the bid.

The aim of the consortium, led by the club's former director Brian Dempsey, is to buy out the majority shareholding of the chairman Fergus McCann, who has pledged to sell his £36 million stake next year.

Last week Celtic began moves to float the club on the stock market with the intention of selling McCann's 51 per cent holding to a mixture of fans and financial interests.

Kerr, who is a lifelong Celtic fan, was said by a

friend to be "terrified" of someone becoming the major shareholder who "has not got a Celtic or a Scottish or Irish background."

"Jim has been concerned for a long time about the state of the club with its squabbles and unhappiness, and has had ongoing discussions with Brian as to who will eventually control Celtic."

It is thought the Dempsey deal would allow fans to buy £20 million worth of McCann's shares with the consortium purchasing any that went unsold. But the offer is pitched at £180 per share for shares which are trading at £255, and the potential loss that could entail may not be acceptable to McCann.

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Football

World Cup warm-up: England 0 Saudi Arabia 0

# England draw air of scepticism for France

DAVID LACEY

**G**LENN HODDLE was annoyed but the booing with which Wembley greeted England's neutral performance in Saturday's scoreless draw against Saudi Arabia should have been music to his ears. There is surely no danger now of Hoddle's team entering the World Cup amid unreasonable public optimism about their chances of winning it.

Twenty years ago Scotland set off for Argentina as the massed tartan choirs sang "We're on the road with Ally's army..." Ally MacLeod's side swiftly wound up in a South American ditch. Given the spiritual undertones of England's preparations the Hoddle squad might have left Wembley behind a Sally Army band. As it is, the last of their warm-up games at home has lent a healthy air of scepticism to English expectations.

After the Saudi result, the revealing 2-0 home defeat by Chile, the pedestrian 1-1 draw in Switzerland and last month's patchy 3-0 victory over Portugal, there should be no illusions left about England's position on the World Cup starting grid. As potential winners they are possibilities rather than probabilities.

**Paul Gascoigne** was again a mixture of the marvellous and the mundane

Yet Hoddle's squad have the ability to reach the quarter-finals and, if Michael Owen is ready to take on the world, they could go all the way to Saint-Denis on July 12. Equally they could suffer the fate of the Norwegians in the United States four years ago and be on their way home before most people realised they had arrived.

The present England coach likes to keep everyone guessing about his team and his tactics, which is fine if you have something worth keeping under wraps. Owen could be the ace up Hoddle's sleeve but, failing that, he does not have much else to spring upon the world.

Saturday's game, far from revealing anything new, merely deepened existing fears about England's defence and midfield. Saudi Arabia, who reached the second round in 1994 after running Holland close and beating Morocco and Belgium (England's opponents in Casablanca this week), have clearly benefited from the Brazilian coaching of Carlos Alberto Parreira. With better finishing they might have won at Wembley through the speed and technique of counter-attacks made from a solid defensive base.

This morning Hoddle will take his squad to La Manga more convinced than before of the need to use Paul Ince, unfit on Saturday, and David Batty in midfield to win pos-

sition and protect England's back three. "There was a lack of assertiveness," he said. "We didn't come alive when Saudi Arabia had the ball. There were too many times when the back three were left one on one. When Batty and Ince are there it doesn't happen."

Under Hoddle, away from Wembley, England have unarguably been at their best when the prime need has been to contain the opposition and deny them attacking space. If the exercise is successfully repeated in the opening phase of the World Cup then the match-winning qualities of Shearer or Teddy Sheringham, Owen or Paul Scholes, could see them through to the next stage.

If, however, England go behind against Romania or Colombia, always assuming they have beaten Tunisia, then little was seen to inspire confidence in their capacity to turn either of these matches around. Hoddle was encouraged by the fact that Darren Anderton stayed on the field for 90 minutes and the Tottenham player's performance did not warrant the crowd's jeers, but he is still some way off his form of Euro 96.

Anderton's presence saw David Beckham switched to central midfield, where he passed the ball perceptively for half-an-hour but then faded. Beating opponents is not Beckham's style. As Hoddle said: "He is a purveyor of the ball, he's not somebody who takes people on." Far better, surely, to retain Beckham's consistent quality of centres on the right. But where would that leave Anderton?

Music is a matter of taste and some of the numbers produced for England's latest World Cup venture make easier listening than others. Personally one would rather see the players setting off for France accompanied by William Walton's stirring accompaniment to the film of Henry V, a composition based on a 15th-century song celebrating the victory at Agincourt.

Since that triumph on French soil was preceded by the delivery of a load of balls at home a revival of the theme would surely be appropriate. After all, the crowd at Saturday's game ended up clamouring for English football's answer to Sir John Falstaff, who duly appeared for the last 30 minutes.

Again Paul Gascoigne was a mixture of the marvellous and the mundane. His running under wraps, Owen could be the ace up Hoddle's sleeve but, failing that, he does not have much else to spring upon the world.

During the opening half-hour Gareth Southgate and Sheringham were denied goals by the feet of Mohammed Al-Dosary. The sharpness of Ian Wright, who replaced the sluggish Sheringham on the hour, probably ended the World Cup hopes of Les Ferdinand, who was given a token 15 minutes.



Hair raising... David Beckham goes to great lengths against Saudi Arabia at Wembley to dispel the notion that beating players is not his style

PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKINS

## Gorman hides behind a smokescreen

Martin Thorpe on Anderton's 90 minutes, Gascoigne's 30 and a send-off that ended in boos

**T**HOSE supporters turning up at Wembley on Saturday expecting to see England drive a camel and horses through the Saudi Arabian defence are probably the same ones Glenn Hoddle accused afterwards of "not understanding the game of football".

The England coach was actually referring to the fans who barracked Darren Anderton during the second half. "I don't know where they are coming from," he moaned. The Highbury area was the general centre of the crowd's anticipation of England's last game on home soil before the finals was always going to outstrip the team's ability to come up with the goods. "It's a mental thing for the players," explained Gorman. "Last week was a Cup final, today was a friendly and, though the boys are playing for places, people don't give us that extra they do in competitive games, especially so near the tournament."

The players had their friendly head on today. There was about a 20 per cent difference between our performance today and what we would expect normally. But the edge will be there when it's needed."

Gorman also blamed fatigue in the last 15 minutes, admitting that the week's training had been "harder than normal because we thought we'd get it in the bank as some of the lads had had two or three weeks off".

Anderton struggled with a different fitness dilemma as he completed his first England game in two years, brushing aside the barracking he received with a weary "well that's up to them. It's the manager's view that counts". He admitted the re-acclimatisation to international football had been a test of memory as much as anything else.

"I didn't really know how to pace myself at this level because I haven't done it for so long," he said. "You go

out there, you're playing for England again and you're flying around for the first 20 minutes and suddenly you say 'woah, slow down'."

He will now wait to see how his notoriously unreliable body reacts to the extra strain of playing 90 minutes on Wembley's de-

ceptively demanding turf. Anderton was pleased to

enough, completing 38 of 45 passes, firing in five crosses and earning Hoddle's praise because "he used the ball well, kept tackling back and showed tremendous character after being booed".

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last the game and will expect at least one more outing before, almost certainly, being named in the final 23.

As for that bigger enigma, Paul Gascoigne, Hoddle "thought he did okay, not bad". Gazza's habit of getting caught in possession is slightly worrying but, as the coach added, "he needs match practice".

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### Wembley line-ups

England	Saudi Arabia
Goalkeeper: David James	Goalkeeper: Fahd Al-Musaibi
Defenders: Gareth Southgate, Ian Wright, Les Ferdinand, Paul Ince, David Batty	Defenders: Abdulrahman Al-Jassbi, Ali Al-Hajri, Ali Al-Badri, Ali Al-Sagoff
Midfielders: Darren Anderton, Paul Gascoigne, Michael Owen, Steve McManis, Alan Shearer	Midfielders: Ali Al-Sagoff, Ali Al-Badri, Ali Al-Hajri, Abdulrahman Al-Jassbi
Forwards: Alan Shearer, Michael Owen, Steve McManis, Alan Shearer	Forwards: Ali Al-Sagoff, Ali Al-Badri, Ali Al-Hajri, Abdulrahman Al-Jassbi

### Multi-purpose Horacio on the bridge as Derby break bank

**D**ERBY COUNTY have found their Horacio, paying the Argentinian First Division club Rosario Central a club-record £2.7 million for their man of many parts, Horacio Carbonari. A central defender noted for his attacking potency, Carbonari has scored 36 goals for Rosario at a rate of better than one every four games.

Jim Smith, the Derby man-

ager, flew to Argentina last week to follow up the recommendation of the club scout Archie Gemmill. "We didn't think we would get him," Smith admitted. "I am very excited. Horacio can play as a sweeper or central defender, left or right, and scores a lot of goals. He is the sort of player I was looking for." The fee for Carbonari tops the £2.5 million Derby paid Notts County

for Craig Short in 1992. Aimé Jacquet's view of the best 22 players in France seems unlikely to gain unequivocal approval at Highbury: Nicolas Anelka, one-third of Arsenal's Double-winning French connection, has been jettisoned for the World Cup. Patrick Vieira and Emmanuel Petit have met with the coach's approval, as have Chelsea's de-

fender Frank Leboeuf and West Ham's goalkeeper Bernard Lama.

**FRANCE SQUAD:** Goalkeepers: Barthez (Monaco), Charpentier (Auxerre), Lamas (West Ham). Defenders: Biana (Marseille), Comolli (AS Roma), Desailly (AC Milan), Leboeuf (Chelsea), Larsson (Bayer Munich), Thuram (Parma). Midfielders: Bouhassira (Sampdoria), Deschamps (Juventus), Zidane (Auxerre), Djorkaeff (Inter Milan), Kavcic (Juventus), Petit (Arsenal), Pirlo (Milan), Viala (Auxerre), Zidane (Auxerre), Perrieré (Lyon), Desailly (Monaco), Trepoest (Monaco).



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Surry v Leicestershire (Trent Bridge)	20	16	6.26	11.02
Sussex v Yorkshire (Pond)	20	19	5.26	17.26
Worcestershire v Kent (Edgbaston)	20	19	5.26	23.26
Worcestershire v Durham (Worcester)	20	19	5.26	



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Cricket

# Blustering Brown will do nicely - at a pinch

David Hopps sees the Surrey batsman put a striking case to England's selectors with a masterful display at Headingley

It was marvellous fun while it lasted and, like the most diverting moments in life, it is perhaps best not analysed too closely. But England will be mentally replaying Ally Brown's joyous innings against South Africa and wondering whether they are bound to play their joker in next year's World Cup.

With the Texaco Trophy already lost and Adam Hollis's experimental status as England's one-day captain under threat, there was no better time to throw a party, and Brown ensured that it was a riotous affair with the second-fastest 50 in England's one-day history.

Only a player with a sense of fun and optimism can relish batting in the style Brown did yesterday. When it goes well, the crowd hoots its approval. When it goes badly, the theory is again raised that pinch-hitting of this type in next year's World Cup in England is not an art, but a science.

The consensus is that any opening batsman bent on all-out attack in an English spring will quickly perish on pitches allowing extravagant seam and swing. It all sounds as if Brown was taking guard to a deep in a field of buttermilk.

But this was Headingley, the crabbier of England's Test pitches, and Brown wrestled the initiative within the first few overs. "He is consistently explosive," said Adam Hollis, also his captain at Surrey. "You only need 15 overs of him and he can steal the game." Fifteen? Four will do.

Brown's strokeplay for Surrey has often been more startling, as Hollis acknowledged. South Africa did not bowl well enough to extend him fully.

But equally true was Hollis's reflection that Brown's innings was one of the most important of his England career. The assertion by the South Africa captain Hansie Cronje that this was a "no-pressure game" did not entirely convince.

"There was a lot of psychological pressure on us not to lose 3-0," Brown said. "I believe that we have a massive chance in the World Cup and the fact that we won this game with 15 overs to spare says a lot about our potential."

"We have been on a bit of a losing trot but Adam is an exceptional captain. I'm convinced that he is the man to take us to the World Cup."

Pinch-hitting has never

quite suited England's forte. To some, even the very term, borrowed from baseball, is sacrilegious. It is, however, a fair description of a method devised to respond to a specific situation — the rules which enforce attacking fields for the first 15 overs of an innings — and Brown is the most natural exponent in England.

"They bowled short at me early on and gave me a chance," Brown said, "but I've still proved I can do it against an attack of the quality of South Africa."

"It's not a case of slogging across the line. It's a matter of recognising my strengths and hitting into those areas."

England preferred to rubish pinch-hitting in the last World Cup and paid the consequences. For one thing, Michael Atherton was still vying for the role as England's one-day opener, and he preferred to pluck, not pinch.

Neither did the development over impress Raymond Illingworth, England's team manager. Pinch-hitting requires unquenchable optimism and Illingworth was not exactly brimming over with it as he journeyed around Pakistan, musing about the traffic, the weather and the food.

England settled for tokenism, charging the pinch-hitting role to bowlers with a good eye, such as Phil DeFreitas and Neil Smith, and suffered as a result.

Brown's first foray into international pinch-hitting, against India in the Texaco Trophy two years ago, was such a muddle that he was famously compared to Coco the Clown. He hit a century in the last game of that series, and retorted: "My unicycle has broken down and I've left my red nose in the box."

England have been unsure how seriously to take him. He has twice been dropped from the one-day side, most recently after sharing in the triumph of Sharjah last autumn.

Brown need not be distressed with more talk today of England sending in the clowns; the successful pinch-hitter, by definition, reduces doctrines about safe beginnings to absurdity.

He has no need to concern himself. When Sri Lankan Jayasuriya and Ramesh Kaluwitharana emerged as Sri Lanka's jokers in the last World Cup, laughter rang around the clubs and bars of Colombo. In the right circumstances, it can be a wonderful sound.



Opening flurry... Alistair Brown takes the long handle on his way to a dashing 59 at Headingley

ADRIAN MURRELL

## Jabs for Thorpe as he fights to be back for Cup tie

GRAHAM THORPE's troublesome back problem, which forced him out of the Texaco Trophy series against South Africa, was yesterday confirmed, as a disc injury.

The Surrey batsman, who first sustained back spasms in the opening one-day international against West Indies in March, suffered a recurrence on Wednesday while practising for the first Trophy game with South Africa.

Thorpe, the only batsman in the current England set-up to average more than 40 in one-day internationals, underwent a scan which diagnosed the problem and he will now have injections to reduce the swelling and inflammation.

England's physiotherapist Wayne Morton said: "It's not too serious a problem and we expect Graham to make a full recovery."

Thorpe will also undertake exercises designed to

strengthen his lower back in an attempt to recover for Surrey's Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final against Lancashire at The Oval on Wednesday, and he is expected to be fit for the first Test with South Africa at Edgbaston on June 4.

Chris Lewis has joined Leicestershire's injury list and is doubtful for the AXA League game against Hampshire at Grace Road today.

The all-rounder travelled

from Headingley yesterday to have treatment on a hip problem which put him out of the final Trophy match.

He could also be doubtful for Leicestershire's Benson and Hedges Cup tie with Kent at Grace Road on Wednesday.

The fast bowler David Mills also looks certain to miss the Kent game because he is still in hospital, where he was taken on Thursday suffering an ear infection.

## County Championship

Sussex v Derbyshire

# Sussex left cursing an unholy spin

Paul Weaver at Horsham

THERE is a pretty churchyard beside the cricket ground here and for much of this match the bowlers have viewed the pitch as an extension of same. For two days the trundlers had been meaning about shirt fronts and featherbeds, yesterday we had the batsmen muttering darkly about minefields and spitting cobras.

Both departments of the game had a point. On Thursday and Friday the pitch was really too bland for good cricket, offering neither pace nor so much as a whispered promise of turn, even for the leg-spinner.

Yesterday, however, it started to turn again. One of the bowlers' footmarks and life was particularly difficult for the left-handers at the town end and the right-handers at the railway end. Derbyshire, chasing 107 for victory from a minimum of 25 overs, won their second match of the season by seven wickets with 40 minutes to spare and were grateful that they were not required to score 50 more. Eleven wickets fell in the day, all to the spinners.

Sussex, 268 behind on the first innings, resumed yesterday on 167 for two, needing another 101 to make Derbyshire bat again with Wasim Khan, unbeaten on 80, and Michael Bevan (54) needing to bat on to protect the suspect batting below them.

They did bat on, each scoring a maiden first-class century for the club and taking their third-wicket stand to 192. But both presented their wickets to the Derbyshire bowlers when at least one needed to continue playing into the tall shadows.

Wasim, who had made 70 in

the first innings, this time managed 125. Having dropped Kim Barnett on 22 and then watched him reach 162, he ended the match narrowly in credit. His fifth first-class century, reached when he cut Simon Lacey behind square for four, was another composed and relaxed affair but his eyes became a little too big when Barnett came on to bowl and he immediately swatted him to deep mid-wicket at 255. He had batted for four-and-a-half hours.

James Carpenter, who is now in danger of losing his place to the returning Chris Adams, was fourth out at 303 and at 325, with the lead still only 57, Derbyshire suddenly realised they could win when Bevan was bowled out of the footmarks as he attempted to charge Lacey.

The middle and lower order of the Sussex batting proved every bit as brittle as the locals feared in the conditions. The last six wickets fell for 49 runs and the off-spinner Lacey, the slow left-armer Ian Blackwell, the leg-spinner Barnett and Phil DeFreitas, in off-spin mode, were the successful bowlers on the day.

When Derbyshire batted again Adrian Rollins and Michael Slater soon had 76 on the board. But then three wickets went down for six runs and the Sussex batsmen were wishing they had survived for just another half hour. But it is difficult on a minefield.

Mark Butcher, the acting captain, carried his bat for 109 but could not prevent Surrey from crashing to a 165-run defeat by Somerset at Taunton. Set 411 to win the visitors perished for 245, despite Butcher's 246-ball defiance, as the teenage left-arm seamer Matt Bullock took three for 49 to complete his first class debut with match figures of six for 100.

## Crawley keeps his form going

Rob Steen

FOR some reason that no body can put their finger on — lack of self-belief? assertiveness are the most popular bets — John Crawley has yet to fulfil the expectations of those who feel he should command an England place as of right. Lancashire, however, are unlikely to complain if, as anticipated, he spends this summer slumming it in the shires, as yesterday's comprehensive win at Chesham emphasised.

Crawley has been in fine fettle and it was his unbeaten 64 that ushered Lancashire to victory by seven wickets, their first championship success of the summer. They resumed on 107 for three yesterday after Mike Watkinson (five for 45) had cut through the Essex second innings on Saturday and Crawley, accompanied by Glen Chapple, ensured the spoils without further alarm.

In stark contrast, Yorkshire's West country hoodoo continued at King's School, Gloucester, where they suffered their fifth consecutive defeat against Gloucestershire.

In keeping with previous humblings — by 324 runs, nine wickets, 10 wickets and 154 runs — David Byas and his charges went down with a sizeable bump, losing by 300 runs. Given that their former England all-rounder Craig White had picked up a career-best eight for 55 on the opening day, including a hat-trick, this was no mean achievement.

Resuming on 136 for five, still 375 shy of their nominal victory target, Yorkshire succumbed inside two hours, adding a further 78 as Martyn Ball (four for 72) claimed three more wickets by dint of

some generously flighted off-breaks. The last time the visitors won in Gloucestershire, in 1976, Ball was five.

That durable all-rounder Kevin James, best known as the only man ever to score a century and take four wickets in the same match, did his man's best to foil Leicestershire at Grace Road, earning bottom-placed Hampshire a draw when defeat had seemed next to inevitable.

Earlier Alan Mullally had maintained his purple patch as Hampshire, 58 for three, but he was not to last in the first 15 overs to plunge to 77 for six, only 133 to the good. Aided by Dimitri Mascarenhas (63) and Shaun Udal (62), however, James (56 not out in 4½ hours) saw to it that only two further wickets were lost in the remaining 69 overs as Hampshire closed on 276 for eight. Mullally (three for 45) finished with a match haul of eight for 117; the former England pacesman has now taken 15 wickets in his last two championship outings.

Dean Headley may have attracted mixed notices in the Caribbean but there was nothing equivocal about Durham's response to his hostility at Canterbury.

Exploiting a pitch offering steep and occasionally vicious bounce, the England last bowler took four for 44 in a 12-over spell with the new ball on Saturday, finishing with six for 71 as Kent romped home by an innings and 27 runs with nearly a day and a half to spare. That said, they still contrived to slip a place in the table, from third to fourth.

Jon Lewis (72) was the only visiting batsman to reach 40 as Durham reacquainted themselves with terra familiar following last week's win over Essex.

## Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire

# Lara's lads in knots again

John Beaumont at Edgbaston

BRIAN LARA must be heartily sick of the sight of Nottinghamshire. Two weeks ago their stubborn batting cost Warwickshire a place in the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals on run rate, yesterday at Edgbaston they centered to a six-wicket victory to inflict a first home championship defeat on Warwickshire since September 1996.

As Nottinghamshire were the only side to lose Warwickshire in the championship in 1994, Lara's previous season in county cricket, they claimed a unique double though they will attach more significance to the way they achieved their first championship victory of the summer.

Stubborn half-centuries by the left-handed youngsters Usman Afzal (73 not out) and

Matthew Downman (63) made light work of a victory target of 193 on a difficult pitch. It has been Downman a long time to justify the rave reviews that accompanied his 287 against the West Indies in a Youth Test in 1993, but he turned potential into performance as the only Nottinghamshire batsman to score 1,000 Championship runs last summer.

Here he played two restrained, disciplined innings, batting for six hours and 21 minutes in laying the foundations for only Nottinghamshire's third win against county opposition in any competition this summer. His innings yesterday spanned 58 overs and Afzal also curbed his natural attacking instincts in batting through 96 overs to see Nottinghamshire home 45 minutes after lunch.

The pitch, which played so many tricks on the first three days, had flattened out a little

but the occasional delivery still kept low. It said much for Dalman and Afzal's shot selection that the only chance offered came shortly before Dalman edged Mohammed Sheikh to Lara at first slip with Nottinghamshire 61 from victory.

Warwickshire's seamers struggled to get as much out of the pitch as their opponents, but two flimsy batting performances left them with little room for manoeuvre.

Warwickshire's first innings of 130 was woefully inadequate and they surrendered the initiative seized by Lara and Michael Powell when they lost seven second-innings wickets for 48 on Saturday. "If we are going to play cricket at this level we have got to put bigger totals on the board," Lara said.

"Having lost two championship games already we know that we can't really afford to lose another."

## Middlesex v Worcestershire

# Ramprakash's twin reminder

David Foot at Uxbridge

FEW can doubt that Mark Ramprakash is one of our most adept technical batsmen. In that quietly elegant way of his, devoid of showy party tricks or muscular blows, he yesterday scored his second hundred of the match — also his eighth at this ground — and surely made an undeniable claim for the first Test in 10 days.

Here he reached his century with a boundary, his 17th, off a no-ball. Yet whatever the anodyne nature of the pitch and thankless endeavours of the bowlers, Ramprakash's innings was one of merit. The feet were always impeccably placed; the wayward ball was caressed away rather than belted.

There was never much sign of error or meek misjudgment. So his dismissal, after 94 hours and 153 balls, was a

distinct surprise. Vikram Solanki, an under-used off-spinner with a model loof and bearing willingness to induce batsmen to go after him, suddenly opted for variety. The faster ball lacked line and was perhaps his worst. Ramprakash, caught in confusion, dabbed haplessly and gazed back in anguish as the ball arced off bat and pad for the simplest of slip catches.

Later, his mentor, Mike Gatting, was 83 not out when Middlesex declared at 5.20pm. A result had always been remote but there was hope that the soon-to-depart Gatting might reach his hundred. It was still more than twice his best this season and he seemed to be mischievously dissuading us from penning his cricketing obituary yet.

Justin Langer, strong in the forearm and positively laden with runs while pulling as only an Aussie left-hander can, was one of the game's six

century makers. He was also out unpredictably, bowled round his legs by Gavin Haynes after hitting 19 boundaries.

The parkland aura had none either of the structured claustrophobia or grandeur of Lord's. Neither did it offer too much of a contest, leaving a succession of bowlers with as little realistic chance as an intrepid hedgehog venturing out on the adjacent M40. Later in the day, Owais Shah was run out by a direct throw from Haynes after being called for a single, and then David Nash was bowled as he tried to sweep.

But they were relatively meaningless events, even if they added to the disappointment for the Middlesex spectators. The few here saw Gatting ultimately decide to prefer a dignified straight bat for an over or two rather than parade an adventurous, valedictory blade.

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# From Russia with



Yevgeny Kafelnikov won the French Open in 1996 but has not gone forward since. Anna Kournikova has the looks to take Paris by storm and the same concern for fortune over fame. **Stephen Bierley** questions the earnest of two potential champions

**M**AY in Paris and the great names are lined up for the French Open: Chiroubles, Fleurie, Morgon, Moulina-Vent. And then there are the tennis players.

The intense heat of Melbourne, the mayhem of Flushing Meadows and the unremitting pressure of Wimbledon seem a world away within the elegant confines of the Stade Roland Garros, where sport and gastronomic pleasures will be interwoven during the next two weeks. Somehow the commercial side of tennis is less garishly prominent in Paris, perhaps because the long grind from the Australian Open accentuates the business elements of the men's and women's tours.

At the end of the fortnight one man and one woman may fairly claim to be the best clay-court players in the world — and they will collect a lot of money for it — but for a short while it is almost possible to imagine the game is being played for pleasure alone.

Players on the senior circuit, a nice little earner in its own right, come up with such phrases as "if only we had known then what we know now, how much more we would have enjoyed ourselves". But life on the tour treadmill is ridden with angst and anxiety.

It used to be said by the Soviet state that capitalism was rotten to the core. And the reply came from the Soviet people: "It may be rotten but what a lovely smell." Prowess in sport was a means towards that voluptuous inhalation of western decadence and the parents of both Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the French Open champion two years ago, and Anna Kournikova undoubtedly eyed the fledgling tennis talent of their respective children with thoughts not entirely altruistic.

Given different circumstances these two might have grown up to be the Tsar and Tsarina of Soviet sport and thumbed their expensive noses at the West. Instead they are icons in a global culture of marketing hype and bankrolled stereotypes, a world where the 16-year-old Kournikova can say of her wannabe suitors: "They can look but they can't afford it."

It is hard to believe now that Kafelnikov and Kournikova, who deserted Moscow for Florida when she was nine, share any cultural background but, if Mother Russia no longer intrinsically blinds

them, then money does. And this prompts the most intriguing question: will their pursuit of the dollar ultimately outstrip their tennis achievements?

A summing-up of the 24-year-old Kafelnikov's career might read: has earned large amounts (more than \$6 million in prize-money alone) but plays too much; one Grand Slam title and 15 overall, potential unfulfilled.

Kournikova's career, by comparison and because of the strict WTA Tour age rules, has barely begun, though she has already acquired an image (tennis's Lolita) which has brought her enormous wealth via endorsements and advertising. As Billie Jean King, winner of 12 Grand Slam singles titles, says: "The question with Anna is: how badly does she want success?"

In other words, will the young woman, who walks like a champion, walk out of tennis just as soon as she has made enough money? Many players from Eastern Europe have almost completely lost their competitive edge, at least at the Grand Slam level, once they have tasted the good life that tour success provides. Champions, however, are motivated by something beyond dollars and, when Kafelnikov won the French Open in 1996, beating Pete Sampras in straight sets in the semi-finals and dropping only one set throughout, it seemed the man from Sochi, on the fringes of the Black Sea, might relieve Sampras of his No. 1 spot.

"It's hard for me to find the answer why I have not done better in the Grand Slams since," he said in Rome 10 days ago, while briding at the suggestion that he plays too much. "I tried to cut my schedule a little and play less tournaments but then I began to lose my confidence. I need to be playing matches and to know that I am striking the ball well."

**C**URRENTLY Kafelnikov's confidence is not high, as his chewed fingernails betray. Technically he remains one of the most accomplished players but, like many of those gifted post-war Soviet soccer teams, he often appears to lack the cutting edge at crucial moments and then gets down on himself.

"It was a huge occasion for Russia when I won the French title but after a while everybody forgot it. I feel the pres-



sure because basically I am the only Russian on the Tour. After he won at Roland Garros Kafelnikov eschewed the lights of Paris and returned home to Sochi for a traditional Russian family dinner cooked by his mother Valentina.

This would not be Kournikova's idea of a good night out. It is equally unlikely that she would suffer a crisis of confidence, at least not publicly. "Anna knows everything and what she doesn't know she thinks she does," says Nick Bollettieri, her former coach and mentor.

Kournikova was signed up by IMG when she was 10 and

has been pandered to ever since, thus acquiring a patina of worldly wisdom beyond her years and a press following which, like Madonna, whom she admires, is hype and marketing led. "Sport is like the theatre. People like to see good-looking people who are dressed properly," says Kournikova. "But I would not be here if I couldn't play."

And play she certainly can, although she has yet to win a Tour title, let alone a Grand Slam one. Her breakthrough came at Wimbledon last year, when she reached the semi-finals. Then at this year's Lipton Championships in Key

Biscayne she defeated four top-10 players before losing to Venus Williams in the final. Since then she has beaten Martina Hingis, the world's No. 1, for the first time.

She enters her second French Open ranked just outside the top 10 and with high hopes. Clay is not her ideal surface but the speed of her racket head and her ability to

Hard focus... Kafelnikov, top left, and Kournikova, have their eyes on the cheque as well as the ball. PHOTOGRAPHS: AL BELLO, CLIVE BRUNSON, GARY W. PIERCE

hug the lines may be the undoing of many at Roland Garros. Women's tennis, not based on power, will never be as strong in depth as the men's game but the emergence of five teenagers — Hingis, Kournikova, the Williams sisters and Croatia's Mirjana Lucic — has caused a buzz in the game. Hingis, with four Grand Slam titles, is the established leader of the pack. The excitement centres on who might displace her. Whoever it turns out to be, women's tennis can hardly lose.

The men's game is in nothing like such good shape. "Tennis is not going uphill, it

is slowly going downhill," said Kafelnikov, who can be cheerful at times. "We definitely need to make changes." The ATP Tour is aiming to please by unashamedly attaching itself to the women's bens. In marketing terms the women are by far the "better product", as the WTA Tour is well aware.

Arguably the Grand Slams make the players and the professional tours ruin them. The public will remember Kafelnikov for his French title and Kournikova, for all her entries on the World Wide Web (including a section entitled Anna Upskirts which

comprises numerous pictures of her on the tennis court), may ultimately go the way of Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini, another much photographed player, if the big titles elude her.

"Every year it gets harder and harder to stay at the top," said Kafelnikov. "I would give all my money to look into the future and see what I might be doing in five years." And he smiled.

Kournikova has no such thoughts. For her the present is everything, and that brings us back to those bottles of Beaujolais and the French Open.

## Way back when...



**Frank Keating** recalls the great summer of 1968 that began with Sir Ivor's Derby and Busby's European Cup on the same day

Bobby-dazzler... Charlton scores in United's 4-1 win in the European Cup final. PHOTOGRAPH: HILTON GETTY

**P**ERHAPS the first "great summer of sport", long before Radio Times would trumpet it, was 1968. It was 175 years ago last Wednesday that more than 30,000 clandestinely watched the Herefordshire publican Tom Spring beat in seven bloody rounds and 37 minutes the Bristol butcher Bill Neate on the moonlit Hinkley Down, near Andover, to be acclaimed champion of all England. The London coffee-house prints were full of it. Fleet Street has been excited by many tumultuous sporting summers

since, and much more besides. One of the classics was 1968. It was an Ashes summer and one which ended with MCC's abject handling of the "D'Oliveira affair"; it was the first cricket season in which the counties were allowed an overseas player without residential qualifications; and it was the summer of Garfield Sobers' 35 in an over at Swansea. Wimbledon held their first open championships, the men's singles title won by the returning professional Rod Laver. The Olympic Games were at altitude in Mexico, where

jumpers high and long. Dick Fosbury and Bob Beamon, set historic standards. Lester Piggott and Sir Ivor won the Derby — "dazzling jockeyship on a superlative colt," said *Sporting Life* — and Manchester United became the first English team to win the European Cup. The last two took place on the same day, May 29. I was working then as a producer for ITV and in six hours of I saw what we covered both events live and at length. Limousines laid on from Tottenham Corner to Wembley Way around teatime.

Earlier in the year we had gone over to film Sir Ivor at work on Vincent O'Brien's gallops at Ballydoyle and the colt's owner Raymond Guest, the American ambassador to Dublin, had allowed us a close-up shot of his betting slip, struck for £550 with William Hill at the horse's birth, which had the bonny, wild-eyed bay at 100-1 to win the Derby. Hill and most knowing tipsters insisted that the horse, for all its turn of foot, was only of a mile-and-a-quarter pedigree. So it probably was, except for the audaciousness of Piggott.

In Guest's chocolate-and-powder-blue colours, resembling an old-style rugby shirt, the jockey waited and waited as Sir Ivor pulled and pulled — and only 50 yards from the post did the icy Piggott allow the horse to explode from the scrum of also-rans and leap for the leading cluster in a whoosh of breathtaking overdrive. Sir Ivor won by a length and a bit.

Then we were almost equally hotfoot to Wembley. No way, as we used to say, could United eclipse that finish of Sir Ivor's against Portugal's Benfica? After a

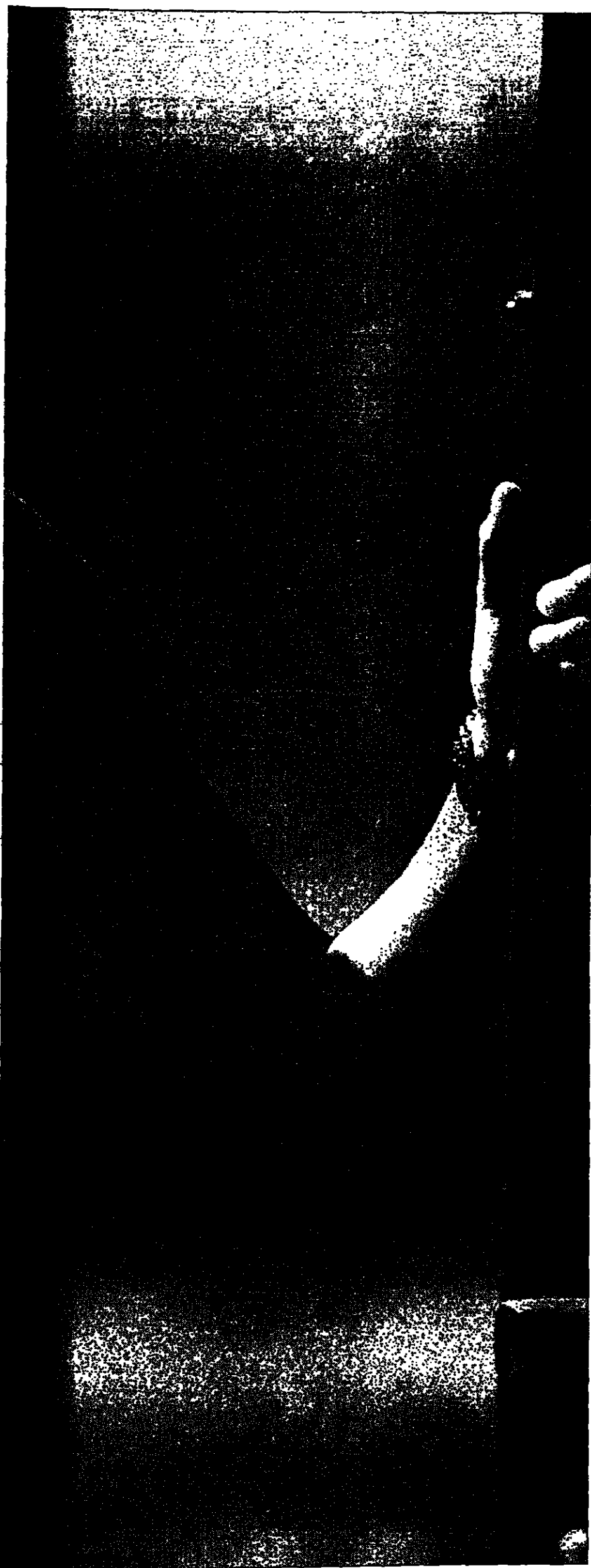
## Climbing the

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## Climbing the ladder

Rank	Name	Age	Turned pro	Titles	French Open
1	Kafelnikov	24	1991	5	1992 1r; 1993 1r; 1994 4r; 1995 4r; 1996 2r; 1997 4r
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tetchy, taut 90 minutes in the sultry evening it was 1-1. Before extra-time Matt Busby reminded his United team: "First hold the ball and then just keep passing it to each other."

United did just that and then bore down on the goalkeeper Henrique. In the end, with Bobby Charlton's second goal and one each from George Best and the callow Brian Kidd, a glorious 4-1 came impassioned celebrations on the pitch. It was 10 years and three months since Busby and United's first serious challenge for the same trophy had been obliterated in the

freezing slush of a Munich runaway.

The winning goals, rather like Sir Ivor's win a few hours earlier, had come in a voluptuous, eruptive spasm at the last. Had the genius of Peggott not kept his nag on a tight rein almost throughout, it would never have happened. Nor would United and Busby have tearfully celebrated their destiny had not the unsung goalkeeper Alex Stepney that night reined in Benfica's renowned goalscorer Eusebio with three minutes of normal time remaining.

Now 55, the goalkeeper remembers: "Exactly seven days earlier I had been at Wembley to win my only full England cap (against Sweden), so it was a week to cherish for ever all right." United had played Benfica in a Los Angeles friendly the year before and Stepney had noted the great Eusebio's propensity for scoring "dramatic net-busters" to make the behind-goal cameramen cover.

"In the first half at Wembley he had beaten me all ends up with an unexpected fierce long shot which I thought was going over, but his topspin had it

dipping and crashing against the bar behind me. To Eusebio a 'great' goal was always better than a simple one and I honestly thought of that as he was clear through at the very end of normal time.

"I half-fainted to come further out to meet him, thinking 'he can chip me or gently slot it to my left or right and all three ways I haven't an earthly. But keep crouched and ready for him to blast it and you've got a chance.'" Eusebio slipped the safety-catch and smashed his world-beater straight at Stepney. The intrepid goalkeeper clung

on, 1-1 it stayed and, seemingly in the same blink, extra-time was called.

United and half London parted at the Russell Hotel. The other half packed Guest's Derby hooly in the Great Room at the Savoy where both parties seemed to merge around dawn. Stepney was due to go to Germany and the Nations' Cup that morning with Ramsey's England. "Sir Alf had warned us to get to bed early," he recalls, "but I ended up at Denny La Rue's night-club. Well, you just had to unwind after a day like that, didn't you?"

## Game for a laugh when making the best of the rest

### FAIR GAME

Julie Welch

A football reporter in the Seventies I sometimes had to write the round-up. This consisted of a couple of back-page columns covering those matches to which the sports editor had not assigned an individual scribe. They were usually between middle-of-the-table sides whose drab existence had to be acknowledged as a sop to readers in Peterborough or Fife.

The task could not compare with being at Anfield to watch Liverpool clinch a record number of championships or at Wembley to see Ipswich stuff Arsenal in the Cup. On the other hand it was a reprieve from the weekly struggle to arrive home unmolested after sharing a three-hour train journey with six carriage-loads of rampaging supporters. I would get to the office around half past one and devote most of the afternoon to drinking tea and reading the papers while waiting for the league programme to snuff its action.

Successful execution of the round-up depended on two large metal-cased machines hired from Eitel and the Press Association. As the afternoon wore on they would cough into life,

spewing out vast amounts of discoloured paper covered with jerrily typed reports of every fixture and staccato bulletins of the latest goals.

These were dispatched by anonymous journalists from press boxes the length and breadth of the land and, as they had to be composed in the white heat of live play, they often lacked the polish given to more considered reporting. Demented by the pressure of this accelerating flow of deadlines, a perspiring hack would précis half an hour of sizzling goalmouth action into the phrase, "End-to-end play ensued".

As a result a popular expression among gentle- men of the sports desk at that time when describing conquests of the previous night was, "And then end-to-end play ensued".

These ephemeral nuggets of the sportswriter's art even had headlines, though one had to look to other sports for the really interesting ones: "Davidson Makes One Ball Lift"; "One-Armed Golf Title Changes Hands"; "Chinese Lacquer My Tip".

The agencies even had a round-up man of their own, hammering away in some darkened bunker as the first edition approached: "Charlton's improvement was not maintained against Middlesbrough but they can be excused; the team were struck by gastro-enteritis. Meanwhile Millwall's trouble at Derby was partly due to the wind."

Reports were dictated to a central bank of typists whose efforts were relayed directly to the newsroom. In a mood of hysteria or bored malice the typists regularly relayed such information as "Matches

off, Leeds v Liverpool — snout on pitch" and "Referee Arthur Holland gave a free kick for elbows on the halfway line". And oh, how we laughed at what they made of "ruck".

One dispatch I particularly cherished was from the days when Manchester City had a serious football team: "Just before the break Bell with a golden chance to equalise headed wife." It is a shame for Paul Gascoigne that developments in communications technology have cut out these lapses, otherwise he could have blamed Sheryl's black eyes on a typesetting error.

On the subject of Gascoigne I was recalling the early years of television soap opera, when dumber viewers came to believe that characters in Crossroads, say, were real people. After reading headlines such as GAZZA LEFT US DOWN I wonder if there is some confusion between Paul Gascoigne, footballer, and Gazza, the character he plays in the long-standing soap England's Build-up To The World Cup.

"There's trouble all round for Gazza when a night out with his mates gets out of hand and Mum and Dad — bravura performances by Eileen Drewery and Glenn Hoddle — cut his kebabs allowance and order him back to live in the family home. Meanwhile mother-in-law Bobby Robson takes him to task for irresponsible behaviour and wonders why he can't be more like that nice Graeme Le Saux."

Anyway I hope Paul Gascoigne, as opposed to Gazza, surmounts his present existential crisis and makes it into the last 22. If anyone can make one ball lift, it is he.

## French Open favourites

### Leading opponents of a Russian coup



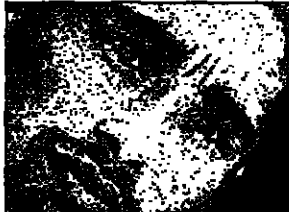
**Pete Sampras**  
Age 26  
Turned pro 1988  
Career titles 54  
French Open 1989 2r; 1991 2r; 1992 qf; 1993 qf; 1994 qf; 1995 1r; 1996 sf; 1997 3r

Since being voted "The best player of the last 25 years" has gone into a mini-decline. The beginning of the end? Few dare say so. "I don't want to make winning the French too obnoxious," he says — knowing that, if he never wins at Roland Garros he will never stand on tennis's Everest with the all-time greats.



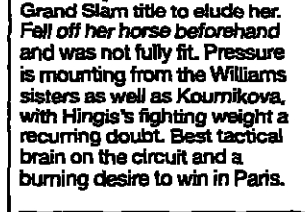
**Martina Hingis**  
Age 17  
Turned pro 1994  
Career titles 16  
French Open 1995 3r; 1996 3r; 1997 r-u

Lost last year's final, the one Grand Slam title to elude her. Fall off her horse beforehand and was not fully fit. Pressure is mounting from the Williams sisters as well as Kournikova, with Hingis's fighting weight a recurring doubt. Best tactical brain on the circuit and a burning desire to win in Paris.



**Marcelo Rios**  
Age 22  
Turned pro 1994  
Career titles 9  
French Open 1994 2r; 1995 2r; 1996 4r; 1997 4r

The Chilean has the power, finesse and speed to win at a canter. Since losing the Australian Open final to Petr Korda he has been virtually invincible, winning at Indian Wells, Key Biscayne and Rome, where Albert Costa pulled out of the final. Has matured temperamentally but an elbow injury in April gives cause for concern.



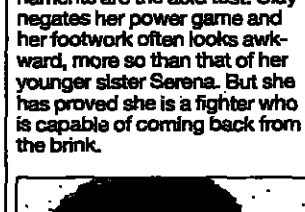
**Venus Williams**  
Age 17  
Turned pro 1994  
Career titles 2  
French Open 1997 2r

Has beaten Hingis twice this year but the Grand Slam tournaments are the acid test. Clay negates her power game and her footwork often looks awkward, more so than that of her younger sister Serena. But she has proved she is a fighter who is capable of coming back from the brink.



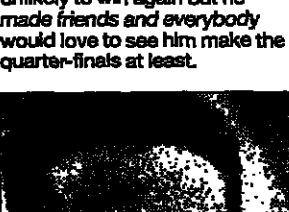
**Gustavo Kuerten**  
Age 21  
Turned pro 1995  
Career titles 1  
French Open 1996 1r; 1997 won

Came from nowhere (Brazil, actually) last year to win the title at his second attempt. "Gaga" retains his carefree attitude on and off court but admits to a "wandering mind". He is unlikely to win again but he made friends and everybody would love to see him make the quarter-finals at least.



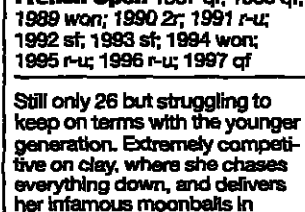
**Arantxa Sanchez Vicario**  
Age 26  
Turned pro 1986  
Career titles 25  
French Open 1987 qf; 1988 qf; 1989 won; 1990 2r; 1991 r-u; 1992 sf; 1993 sf; 1994 won; 1995 r-u; 1996 r-u; 1997 qf

Still only 26 but struggling to keep on terms with the younger generation. Extremely competitive on clay, where she chases everything down, and delivers her infamous moonballs in times of trouble. Twice winner and runner-up three times.



**Alex Corretja**  
Age 24  
Turned pro 1991  
Career titles 5  
French Open 1992 1r; 1993 1r; 1994 3r; 1995 4r; 1996 2r; 1997 4r

The Spaniards train and practise together and help to push each other towards the top. Corretja is currently their leading player, though any one of five or six is capable of reaching the final at Roland Garros on Sunday week. Last year it was Sergi Bruguera, who had won the title in 1993 and 1994. This year it could be Corretja's turn.



**Iva Majoli**  
Age 20  
Turned pro 1991  
Career titles 9  
French Open 1993 4r; 1994 4r; 1995 qf; 1996 qf; 1997 won

The holder, written off prior to beating an exhausted Hingis in last year's final. Has struggled this year and has another more powerful Croatian, the 16-year-old Mirjana Lucic (out with chicken pox), pounding in her footsteps. Might reach the final again, might not make the second week.

## Through the pane barrier to the power of four



World beaters... Cracknell, Redgrave, Foster and Pinnent last year

### CENTRE STAGE

Pete Nichols

IF CHANGE were as good as a rest, the most rested crew in rowing's World Cup in Munich this weekend would be Britain's coxed four. The first round of the World Cup will be the anniversary of the famous four's first competitive outing. A year before that they were the famous two. To be blunt, in this outing they will be the famous three.

The fourth member of the most illustrious crew in world rowing is Luka Grubor, who once finished ninth in the World Championships in a coxed four for Croatia. As he will be seated behind a man with two Olympic gold medals and in front of another with four, he could be forgiven for feeling anonymous.

Grubor, not to be confused with the coach Jurgen Grobler — was drafted in last month when Tim Foster, who had made an immediate impact when the quartet was formed in January 1997, cut tandem in his hand. Foster put his hand through a pane of glass. It was not the most sensible thing for a world champion coxswain to do and he has offered no explanation. "It's irrelevant how he did it," says Matthew Pinnent, the one with two Olympic golds, who offers a worst-case scenario of six months off for Foster but hopes for sooner.

Foster's mishap was ill-timed. It provided a second anxiety for a crew whose only worry in their first summer on the water had been whether they had made the whole adventure of international rowing look far too easy. Of course they arrived in the new boat with a man who had made rowing look far too easy for 13 years.

Steve Redgrave, famously self-penned as "just a boy from Marlborough who won a few races", took to the coxed four in Los Angeles (his first gold), the coxed pair with Andrew Holmes in Seoul (his next gold) and the coxed pair with Pinnent in Barcelona and Atlanta (his next two golds).

The only event he could not do was sculling and, if you want to see the great man's head drop, tell him if you dare that he is a lousy sculler.

So last summer no one was surprised when Redgrave, with Pinnent, Foster and James Cracknell, drove a coach and four through world rowing instead of a coach and two. They won the World Cup in Munich on the first day of June, leaving the Germans almost a stroke behind. They won in Paris at the second World Cup three weeks later, with the French crew little more than a canvas adrift and full of high ideas. They won in Lucerne, when it always counts, a stroke clear of the Romanians with the French dreams floundering, in third. "Don't ever let them believe they can beat you," said Pinnent, as the undefeated reign in pairs or fours stretched into a seventh year.

At the World Championships in Alghero it was evident the new quartet had cast the same old shadow over the opposition. One began to believe that they could not just row on water but dance on it. The French on home territory reversed the Lucerne placings with the Romanians but some time after the winning klaxon had sounded for Pinnent, Foster, Redgrave and Cracknell.

That was still summer, although autumn was drawing in. The first anxiety, after Alghero, came a wintry chill. Redgrave, at 35 the most powerful endurance athlete in British sport, was diagnosed as diabetic.

There were no parallels. Gary Mabbutt was always the first name mentioned but

playing football does not make a man an endurance athlete, not even at Spurs. The early problem for Redgrave was getting the blood sugar balanced, so that his body could handle the training. "The first six to eight weeks was difficult; it became a new discipline for Steve," says Pinnent, as if they did not have enough already.

An injury at two in the host, a diabetic at three: if one knew no better one would rule them out. Last month there was a trial for Foster's place, but not of strength. The crew trained with Simon Dennis for a week, who was big and strong enough to win on power alone, and they trained with Grubor, who was not. The 24-year-old Grubor had previously rowed for Yugoslavia, as a junior, and Croatia. His English, nevertheless, is perfect. He has British citizenship to go with it and, maybe most important of all, was offered the vacant seat in the boat.

If Grubor had rubbed a lamp, he could not have had dreams more sweetly realised. Pinnent offers the antidote: "It's a poisoned chalice as well. It's a pressure seat and, if it doesn't go well, people will be quick to blame..."

Quick to blame or slow to believe? Redgrave and Pinnent in one boat or another have been inseparable since 1981. "It's been a good seven or eight years," says Pinnent, "but you don't want to look back until it's all over." If they lose in Munich, they will lose not just a World Cup race but their immunity to defeat.

On the road to Sydney and what would be a first gold for Cracknell and Foster (or Grubor), a third for the remarkable Pinnent and a fifth for the bloody magnificent Redgrave, Munich could be a milestone. "Everyone in the rowing world is thinking that, if there is a time to beat them, it is now," says Pinnent, adopting the royal prerogative of using the third person about himself and the crew. About anyone else it might sound pretentious.











## Sandown Jackpot card

GRAHAM ROCK	TOP FORM
2.05 Bold Time	Volley
2.25 Pervan Punch	Pervan Punch
3.10 Chasid	Chasid
3.45 Pervan Punch	Chasid
4.15 Chasid	Chasid
4.45 Chasid	Chasid
5.20 Chasid	Chasid

Going: Round course, Good; 5f, Good to Firm, 4f, Denotes blunders.

## 2.05 BONUSPHOTO FILLES' HANDICAP

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

## 2.35 BONUSPRINT HENRY II STAKES

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210
201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210

## 3.10 TRIPLEPRINT TEMPLE STAKES

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	310
301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	310

## 3.45 DOUBLEPRINT WHITSUN CUP RATED HANDICAP

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408	409	410
401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408	409	410

## 4.15 EBF MAIDEN FILLES' STAKES 2YO

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
501	502	503	504	505	506	507	508	509	510
501	502	503	504	505	506	507	508	509	510

## 4.45 FAMILY DAY OUT HANDICAP 3YO

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
601	602	603	604	605	606	607	608	609	610
601	602	603	604	605	606	607	608	609	610

## 5.20 SUNRISE RACING HANDICAP

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
701	702	703	704	705	706	707	708	709	710
701	702	703	704	705	706	707	708	709	710

## 2.30 ST MELLONS STAKES

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
801	802	803	804	805	806	807	808	809	810
801	802	803	804	805	806	807	808	809	810

## 3.00 ST BRIAVELS MAIDEN STAKES

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
901	902	903	904	905	906	907	908	909	910
901	902	903	904	905	906	907	908	909	910

## 3.30 ST ARVANS NOVICE STAKES 3YO

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1001	1002	1003	1004	1005	1006	1007	1008	1009	1010
1001	1002	1003	1004	1005	1006	1007	1008	1009	1010

## 4.05 EBF ST ATHAN FILLES' HANDICAP

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1101	1102	1103	1104	1105	1106	1107	1108	1109	1110
1101	1102	1103	1104	1105	1106	1107	1108	1109	1110

## 4.35 ST WEONARDS SELLING STAKES 2YO

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1201	1202	1203	1204	1205	1206	1207	1208	1209	1210
1201	1202	1203	1204	1205	1206	1207	1208	1209	1210

## 5.05 ST BRIDES FILLES' HANDICAP

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1301	1302	1303	1304	1305	1306	1307	1308	1309	1310
1301	1302	1303	1304	1305	1306	1307	1308	1309	1310

## Racing

Graham Rock sees an apprentice rider put up a polished performance to triumph in the Irish 1,000 Guineas

## Tarascon comes out on the right side

TARASCON overcame her aversion to starting stalls to win the 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh yesterday in the hands of apprentice Jamie Spencer. The 17-year-old, having his first ride in a Classic, brought Tommy Stack's filly fast and late to beat Kitz by a neck. In the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket Tarascon had trailed in last after kicking out in the stalls and injuring her hind legs. Yesterday, fitted with a hood for stalls entry, she was reluctant but eventually the handlers managed to load her successfully. Settled towards the rear,

Tarascon improved in the straight to take the lead 75 yards from the line. Godolphin's La Nuit Rose had every chance in the closing stages and finished two lengths further back in third. The disappointments of the race were Shahtoush and Cloud Castle, second and fourth respectively at Newmarket. Yesterday they finished 10th and eighth, suggesting that Cape Verdi's impressive victory might not have been quite the spectacular performance it seemed at the time. Stack said that Tarascon had also injured herself on the flight to Newmarket, hav-

ing been frightened by Wales's Stakes and the Coral Eclipse. At Sandown today Elnadun (8.10) should go some way towards confirming his position as Europe's leading sprinter by winning the Tripleprint Temple Stakes. He showed good speed until lack of hard condition told close home in the Duke of York Stakes, going down by half a length to Bolla Joanne, and should not be inconvenienced by the drop to five furlongs. Persian Punch (2.35) can win the Bonusprint Henry II Stakes for the second consecutive year. He beat Busy

Flight (Samraan held in third) at Newmarket first time out this season, but runner-up took his revenge in the Yorkshire Cup. Forced to make his own running at that occasion over a mile and three-quarters, Kieren Fallon probably set too modest a pace. Back at two miles, Persian Punch should be in his element. Refuse To Lose (3.45) is worth an interest in the competitive Doubleprint Whitsun Cup. This progressive colt is one of the best performers on all-weather surfaces, but showed he is capable of running well on turf when dividing High Spirits and Captain

Scott in the Thirk Hunt Cup. Since then he has been impressive in victory on the Equitack at Lingfield, and can follow up at the expense of For Your Eyes Only and Lebe. Captain Scott (3.55) found the Thirk Hunt Cup at Lingfield last year and can land the Zetland Gold Cup at Redcar now that he is racing over his optimum distance. Joseph Gifford yesterday announced that Philip Hyde will not be his stable jockey next season. The trainer is not actively seeking a replacement for the rider, who has been first jockey at Findon since Declan Murphy's retirement.

## Redcar runners and riders

GRAHAM ROCK	TOP FORM
2.15 Bold Time	Volley
2.25 Pervan Punch	Pervan Punch
3.10 Chasid	Chasid
3.45 Pervan Punch	Chasid
4.15 Chasid	Chasid
4.45 Chasid	Chasid
5.20 Chasid	Chasid

Going: Good to Firm, Firm in places. 4f, Denotes blunders.

## 2.15 YARM MOUNTAIN STAKES 2YO

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

## 2.45 BANK HOLIDAY SELLING STAKES

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1101	1102	1103	1104	1105	1106	1107	1108	1109	1110
1101	1102	1103	1104	1105	1106	1107	1108	1109	1110

## 3.20 VAUX SANSON HANDICAP 3YO

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1201	1202	1203	1204	1205	1206	1207	1208	1209	1210
1201	1202	1203	1204	1205	1206	1207	1208	1209	1210

## Huntingdon (N.H.)

RON COX	TOP FORM
2.00 Bold Time	Volley
2.25 Pervan Punch	Pervan Punch
3.10 Chasid	Chasid
3.45 Pervan Punch	Chasid
4.15 Chasid	Chasid
4.45 Chasid	Chasid
5.20 Chasid	Chasid

Going: Good to Firm, 4f, Denotes blunders.

## 2.00 CONDITIONAL SELLING HANDICAP

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1301	1302	1303	1304	1305	1306	1307	1308	1309	1310
1301	1302	1303	1304	1305	1306	1307	1308	1309	1310

## 2.30 NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1401	1402	1403	1404	1405	1406	1407	1408	1409	1410
1401	1402	1403	1404	1405	1406	1407	1408	1409	1410

## 3.05 HANDICAP HURDLE

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1501	1502	1503	1504	1505	1506	1507	1508	1509	1510
1501	1502	1503	1504	1505	1506	1507	1508	1509	1510

## 3.35 HANDICAP CHASE

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1601	1602	1603	1604	1605	1606	1607	1608	1609	1610
1601	1602	1603	1604	1605	1606	1607	1608	1609	1610

## 4.05 OPEN HIL FLAT RACE

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1701	1702	1703	1704	1705	1706	1707	1708	1709	1710
1701	1702	1703	1704	1705	1706	1707	1708	1709	1710

## 4.35 HANDICAP HURDLE

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1801	1802	1803	1804	1805	1806	1807	1808	1809	1810
1801	1802	1803	1804	1805	1806	1807	1808	1809	1810

## 5.05 HANDICAP CHASE

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910
1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910

## Leicester programme

GRAHAM ROCK	TOP FORM
2.15 Bold Time	Volley
2.25 Pervan Punch	Pervan Punch
3.10 Chasid	Chasid
3.45 Pervan Punch	Chasid
4.15 Chasid	Chasid
4.45 Chasid	Chasid
5.20 Chasid	Chasid

Going: Good, Good to Firm in places. 4f, Denotes blunders.

## 2.20 SROBY HANDICAP

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210
201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210

## 2.45 ANSTEE SELLING HANDICAP

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110
2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110

## 3.25 NOTHMAN ROYALS SERIES HANDICAP

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210
2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210

## 3.50 HANDICAP CHASE

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310
2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310

## 4.20 HUNTERS' CHASE (Amateurs)

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
2401	2402	2403	2404	2405	2406	2407	2408	2409	2410
2401	2402	2403	2404	2405	2406	2407	2408	2409	2410

## 4.45 NOVICE CHASE

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
2501	2502	2503	2504	2505	2506	2507	2508	2509	2510
2501	2502	2503	2504	2505	2506	2507	2508	2509	2510

## 5.15 CLAIMING HURDLE

1st	2nd
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### Uttoxeter (N.H.)

	RON COX	TOP FORM
2.10	Inch Champion	Inch The Sire
2.40	High To The Clouds	Call My Street
3.15	Swamy Drive	Swamston
3.50	Brown Justice	Answering Call
4.20	Pearl's Choice	Deep Britain
4.50	Sky Burst	Sky Burst
5.25	Waterliew	

Going: Good to Firm. \* Denotes blinkers

## 2.10 MAIDEN CHASE

[illegible]

**2.40 HANDICAP HURDLE**  
2m £3,761 (8 declared)

1	3-2302	High In The Clouds (14)	23 F	5-12-0					
2	21616	Country Breeze (72)	61 F	5-11-9					
3	213654	Kingship Express (20)	62 F	5-11-9					
4	F-4231	My Girl (13)	61 F	5-11-9					
5	234331	My Girl (13)	61 F	5-11-9					
6	431205	My Girl (13)	61 F	5-11-9					
7	654210	My Girl (13)	61 F	5-11-9					
8	112339	My Girl (13)	61 F	5-11-9					

2-1 High In The Clouds, 7-2 Country Breeze, 5-1 Diago, 6-1 Kingship Express  
 3-2302 High In The Clouds (14) 23 F 5-12-0  
 21616 Country Breeze (72) 61 F 5-11-9  
 213654 Kingship Express (20) 62 F 5-11-9  
 F-4231 My Girl (13) 61 F 5-11-9  
 234331 My Girl (13) 61 F 5-11-9  
 431205 My Girl (13) 61 F 5-11-9  
 654210 My Girl (13) 61 F 5-11-9  
 112339 My Girl (13) 61 F 5-11-9

**3.15** **HANDICAP CHASE**  
3m 2f £3,631 (8 declared)  
1 28992 **Donner Stakes** (11m 1200 P. Bown 8-12-0)

2	2-HUP1	Jimmy O'Dell (26) (C) J March 11-10-13	E Tatum (2) (C)	34
3	121303	Santa's Bay (11) (C) G March 6-10-13	J Mager (2) (C)	35
4	BP-302	Danger The Bigger (114) (C2) Mrs A E Johnson 11-10-10	K Forrest (2)	36
5	14322	Swampers (264) (C) K Bailey 3-10-8	S Mitchell (2)	39
6	151283	Fortunes (264) (C) J O'Dell 11-10-13	R Mendenhall (2)	44
7	035-40	Spencer's Gold (101) (C) J O'Dell 10-10-7	R Mendenhall (2)	44
8	211410	Commacher (26) (C) (C) M Pops 6-10-3	R Mendenhall (2)	42
<p>Notting: 5-2 Jimmy O'Dell, 7-2 Danger Bay, 11-2 Santa's Bay, Drumcrales</p>				
<p><b>3.50 SELLING HANDICAP BUDDLE</b></p>				

1 OF-633 Out Reminders (123) (B) (B) M Pipe 6-11-10  
2 346526 Processin (118) (B) W Copy 7-11-10

3	FS42	Dennis (22) B Ulschlag 6-11-2	E Kelly (8)	84
4	FS-14	Backhouse (22) B Ulschlag 6-11-2	E Johnson	84
5	25-25	Stanton (20) G (6) S Boshart 7-11-0	M Stutter (8)	84
6	36-33	Northman Jensen (14) A Reeves 4-11-0	E Lee	84
7	0176	Devlin (20) G (7) Holsinger 4-11-0	Stacy Allen-23	84
8	FF-370	Marsbury Salt (159) Mac K Millen 5-10-1	J Callaghan	83
9	-46541	High Samuels (2) K Hens 8-10-1	J Mays (2)	83
10	-43406	Wester Ryle (12) D J Giddie 9-10-10	E McRoberts (3)	83
11	06307	Tom Clancy by Salt (4) S23) G J G Johnson Houghton 10-10-7	E Rogers	83
12	13-408	Swamy Rayer (19) G (5) P Bess 6-10-6	E Hafferty	82
13	4211-4	Quinn (20) G (1) Mikes 5-10-0	D Galt	82
14	-31225	Swand, Mike (12) G (5) Denny 9-10-0	E McRoberts	82

15 456180 Karamba (21) (D) R Phillips 4-10-0  
16 0200- John Martin (550) D Geraghty 9-10-0  
17 60P460 Knock Star (10) T O'Leary 7-10-0  
18

**4.20 MOVIE HANDICAP CHASE**  
2m 5f \$3,(074 14 declared)

1	140153	Salon (2) M J Presley 7-11-10	6 Lm +	85
2	340135	Twelve (2) M J Gable 5-11-3	W Malibu	85
3	161224	Barber's Bay (10) J A E Johnson 9-11-1	5 Malibu	87
4	222221	Pearl's Clause (2) J J McCann 10-11-1	5 Malibu	87

14435 Elmer (17) J King 8-11-1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 00P661 Santa Jet (12) (R) G M Moore 7-10-11 \_\_\_\_\_  
 246P63 Wilson Wonder (94) M Blackstock 8-10-10 \_\_\_\_\_

8	1-PPH	Princess (25) B Bales 8-10-0	1	5 Favorite	
9	424-0	Reflex (1) 257 7-28 7-10-0	2	5 F Bales	80
10	-FOF-	Dauphine (4) 11-22 8-10-0	3	5 Bales	80
11	705-483	Another Chance (14) R Len 8-10-1	4	1 Harry	80
12	4-1403	Gambler (10) A Sacoer 9-10-0	5	5 Bales	79
13	342550	Stallions (12) R Hollander 8-10-0	6	5 Harry	79
14	8-6F	Anthony Man (20) R Peacock 9-10-0	7	5 Bales	79

Betting: 4-1 Paul's Choice, 5-1 Galen, 11-2 Santa Jet, 7-1 Paul's Boy, Brass

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**4.50** **NOVICE HURDLE**  
 2m F2 432 JR (declared)

64030Y Hudson's Heaven (B17) J Macle 7-11-0 \_\_\_\_\_  
650 Infamy Bay (B2) W Clay 5-11-0 \_\_\_\_\_

1-20	Indian Nation (7) C. Schen 8-10-0	1. Boney	85
2-20	Yankee Star (9) S. Star 8-10-0	2. Boney	85
3-20	Gold Emblem (7) C. Brooks 4-10-0	3. Boney	85
4-20	Indian Nation (7) R. Brothers 5-10-0	4. P. Tarrant	79
5-20	Sky Racer (42) M. J. Williams 9-10-0	5. Johnson	80
6-20	Time Can Fly (30) R. Jones 4-10-0	6. Gay Lewis (3)	—

Settling: 15-8 Sky Racer, 9-2 Midy Day, Mixed Opinion, Indian Nation

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# 5.25

## OPEN NH FLAT RACE

2m 1/16, 222 (7 declared)

Ant. P. 2:25 P. M. 10-11-80

2. Golden Sinner S Brooklyn 5-11-4 \_\_\_\_\_  
3. PUR-00 See More Action (23) M Mulvey 5-11-4 \_\_\_\_\_  
4. 1st World War (21) M A E Johnson 5-11-4 \_\_\_\_\_

OSB	Glacial Princess (11) Miss M Revley	5-10-13	D Gallagher
	Waterbury P Brown	4-30-13	N Johnson
	Wayward Danette Miss M Revley	4-10-13	G Lee

Swillings 2-1 Glacial Princess, 3-4 Wayward Danette, 5-1 Golden Saxon, Wind Pilot, 7-1 Waterbury

## Hereford (N.H.)

2.30	RON COX	1
	Sayoh	5

5.00	Ray River	Ray River
5.30	Florida	Florida
5.60	Bay Fair	Tamiami
5.35	Groceries Lark	Groceries Lark
5.05	Just Jernale	Bronchial

Going: Good, Good to Firm in places. \* Denotes blinker.

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**2:30** **NOVICE HURDLE**  
 2m 1f £2,432 (12 declared)

141 Sayah (21) (R) P Bowen 6-11-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
30-615 Merriway (41) (R) (M) M Pige 5-11-8 \_\_\_\_\_  
000F-0 Just Because (382) G E Jones 6-11-0 \_\_\_\_\_

9P-400	Puccini Knight (7) T. Joelle 8-11-9	James	J. Frost
POPULAR	Rayal Mail (58) A. Ray 7-1-9		
9-6002	Rayal News (58) A. Ray 7-1-9		
64P300	Remedy (34) P. Watkins 11-10-9		C. Lumbert
			M. Sherratt
	Lady Puccini (629) G. Jones 6-10-9		I. Agall
000	De The Green (47) S. Price 5-10-9		J. Maguire
	S. Manning (47) S. Price 5-10-9		M. Sherratt
PP60	S. Manning (47) S. Price 5-10-9		M. Sherratt
	Leinster (24) R. J. Price 4-10-9		G. Sherratt

Leinster: 5-5 Supes, 71-4 Manning, 9-2 Achil Harrier, 14-1 Puccini Knight

**3.00** SELLING HANDS-AP HORROR  
3m 2f £1,607 (18 declared)  
OFFICIAL Licensed Centre (18) 10750 8-12-0

0245-0	Blackout (1965) (C) M. W. Shapiro	10-11-4	J. Apple	57
0246-1	Blackout (1965) (C) M. W. Shapiro	10-11-4	J. Apple	57
0317-0	Chatterbox (1959) (C) J. S. Jackson	9-10-5	M. J. L. Livingston	58
P-0252	Look to the Future (1953) (M) H. Tachibana-Daiei	7-10-5	C. Livingston	58
11P-06	On the Strand (1939) (W) S. M. Turner	9-10-5	T. G. Power	59
4201P-3	Rocky Mountain (1935) (C) R. Hunt	10-10-4	J. S. Shapiro	59
44-52P	Laughing Lady (1937) (C) J. S. Jackson	9-10-5	J. S. Shapiro	59
0250-0	Uchida Lays (1933) R. Hughes	8-10-5	J. Smith	59
31850-0	My Sister (1931) (C) W. K. Wagoner	8-10-5	J. Ryan	60
9-0P-1	Rocky Island (1934) B. Preston	9-10-5	J. M. Ward	60
3405P	Just For a Moment (1931) R. Hughes	8-10-5	J. M. Ward	60
4000P	Sharp Edges (1934) (M) M. T. S.	10-10-4	R. Williamson	61
0251-0	Sharp Edges (1934) (M) M. T. S.	10-10-4	R. Williamson	61
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0434-0	Sharp Edges (1934) (M) M. T. S.	10-10-4	R. Williamson	61
0435-0	Sharp Edges (1934) (M) M. T. S.	10		

055068 Bayford Police (48) Mtn J Over 10-10-0  
G-5PE Hixley News (18) Graham Pao 8-10-0  
F60583 Luffy Dand (48) Mtn C Hicks 8-10-0

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402532 Florida (H) C Brooks 7-11-0  
54P220 Polish Rider (H) B Llewellyn 10-11-0  
FP6-SP Sample (SH) Giacomo Fox 9-11-0  
200314 Thoroughbred (H) D Williams 8-11-0

**4.00 HANDICAP HURDLE**  
2m 3f 110yds 23,095 (4 declared)

022214	Yamashiro (90) Br M Pkg 5-10-0	A P McRoy	50
14254	Bay Pair (22) Br M Heavy 6-10-0	C Lanning	50
41909	High Low (49) Br M 1-10-0	Miss E J Jones	50
41250	Demographic (13) G (P) Heavy 9-10-0	M Williams	57

4-5.50 1/2 Mile Lng. 11-2 (5) Bay Fg. 10-1 Coonspur Night.

### 1 OF 5 HUNTERS' CHASE (Amateurs)

3m 11 110yds 21,121 (8 Decarec)		P Shaw 7-1	
52213	Alex Thompson (22) Alex P Shaw 10-12-3	P Shaw 7-1	1
52214	Andy Ray (18) J Gray 10-12-3	Alan P. Smiley	2
42411	David Brown (9) Lark Lusk 9-12-3	Alan P. Taylor	3
12291	Bradley Lusk (9) J Gray 10-12-3	G. Tarry	4
42-13	Matthew Brown (24) G. G. Collins 9-12-3	G. Munnell	5
53163	Matthew Brown (24) Alex P Shaw 9-12-3	J. Whitworth	6
FLUOR	David Brown (9) G. G. Collins 9-12-3	J. Whitworth	7
205-17	G. G. Collins 9-12-3	S. J. Robinson	8
205-17	David Brown (24) M. Robinson 10-12-3		9

Notes: 3-1 Graham Lusk, 4-1 David Brown, Nathan Pembler, 6-1 Alex Thompson

**5.05** NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE  
2m 3f 110yds £2,836 (15 declared)

1-1500	July 2nd (24) 6 McCort 9-11-10	A Williams
053001	Ref Northridge (12) Grimes 10-7-10	R J Macky
F00404	Reverend (4) 201 M Price 8-11-10	R Grimes
F03433	Art J. Jennings (2) 104 C. Davis 6-11-5	R Henry (9)
F00509	Barbara Grimes (14) 104 C. Davis 6-11-5	R Grimes
7/0226	Little Swallow (2) 104 J. Johnston 8-10-13	R Sherrill
32103	David Bailey (2) 1 Middle 5-10-12	W. Bailey
32103	Belmont (23) M Stephens 5-10-11	A. Aspell (4)
053	Flaming Parrot (21) T Foster 4-10-5	S Wayne
053-5	West Bay Swamp (14) B Swisher 4-10-5	J Frost
4-0530	Greg's Pringle (17) Moss K. Swisher 7-10-5	R Murray (9)
		T Power (2)

51042P Arlene (21) J R Higgins 10-10-0  
-00660 Miriam Pinones (28) B Pierce 6-10-1  
654-PQ Fowler Monday (26) T Newman 8-10-0  
Foster Mary Ann A Worley 5-10-0

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**Set point . . . a coach stands among a display of rackets and balls at Islington Tennis Centre ready for Play Tennis 98, a nationwide event of free tennis and coaching in clubs, leisure centres, schools and public courts this week**

## Richie legacy of the pyjama revolution

# SCREEN BREAK

## Peter Hanlon

**T**RUE to its perception as a nation not averse to vulgarity, Australia's approach to sport, most often cricket, has at times skated across the broad line that separates a good idea at the time from an outright atrocity in the name of entertainment. Whoever hit upon sending dismissed opposition batsmen in one-day games on their way with a taunting rendition of "Hit the Road Jack" through the MCG loudspeakers should be forced to walk to Wagga Wagga, Barcroft.

While the television coverage has also had its memorable moments — Daddles the duck waddling across the screen springs to mind — many of the changes to the way we now watch the game had their roots in Australia, starting with the media baron Kerry Packer's *pyma* party in 1977, when he bought out both the then World Series Cricket and spared viewers the dubious pleasure of looking at Rod Marsh's backside every other over and, through microphones placed in the pitch, debunked the notion that Marsh and the Chappell were the best players in the batsman's book. Soon living rooms were filled with pictures from every angle, from *on* to *in* light towers, from the front line via 'stump cam'.

When the host broadcaster Channel Nine eschewed Australia's 1995 tour of the West Indies for the first time, it stepped in and introduced not only fresh voices but the vi-

ual delights of "spin cam",  
honing in on the bowler's  
hand and following the ball  
flight. England's inability to  
read Shane Warne again last  
summer, despite this user's  
guide, is surely down to a na-  
tionwide video failure.

On the commentary front  
the colossal things have be-  
come more static. The former  
Test captain Bill Lawry and  
Tony Greig have been inflicting  
their hysterical (Lawry) and  
hilarious (Greig) offerings on  
viewers for generations. Yet  
the commentator's zenith is  
said to be making the viewer  
feel as if he or she is actually  
in the stadium, the Lawry  
/Greig partnership makes  
you wish you were somewhere  
else. Anywhere else.

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Perhaps it was as a mark of misjudged respect that the first wicket of the international summer — A Stewart b Donald 27 — was greeted on Thursday by Sky's Mark Nicholas exploding in pitch-perfect Lawry: "Gone! Got 'im!" Nicholas is a pleasant front man, and his limited use of the dreaded on-screen "pen," that Greig has been known to employ to show in which direction the grass has been mown, was refreshing.

It may be the slightly tabloid nature of the Sky coverage that had the commentary team on occasion making excessive pronouncements. In case you missed it, in the 46th over of the England innings at The Oval the South Africa cap-

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tain Hansie Cronje bowled what Nicholas termed "one of the finest overs in one-day international cricket". Three runs came from it, no wickets fell and five of the six balls were delivered to Chris Lewis.

If subtlety is more your cup of tea, there are the BBC highlights and Richie Benaud. The former Australian captain all ways seems in good fettle, as you would if you had forgotten what winter was after spending 30 years following the leather around the planet.

Benaud has the quality for a commentator of sport: he tells viewers things they cannot see, and lets the picture do the rest. Slipping it the odd "very well bowled" or "good shot" here and there, he can also build the moment as he showed by waiting until a Jonty Rhodes pull had crashed into the stands before he began his chirping "wonderful play of that particular shot."

A few observations from the return of the flannelled fools: Sky's "Manhattan" bar graph loses impact when your pitiful run-rate makes it look more like Milton Keynes; someone should tell Allan Donald he is playing for South Africa now and should get rid of the Warwickshire shirt; the Walsley Eartham is pushing Mark Taylor as owner of the biggest rump in world cricket.

And a warning from the television age: Ray Julian was the third umpire on Thursday. He had a tough day, taking four replays to give Gerry the benefit of the greatest light — if there is that much doubt, surely he must get the benefit — and then wronging Darryl Cullinan when Ashley Giles unknowingly dislodged a ball with his leg before catching the South African short of his ground.

But the Manchester Guardian has been asked to hand in his remote control. De-moted — to central umpire.

## Weekend results

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## O'Brien backs jockey under fire

Graham Rock on the trainer's defence of a disappointing Derby warm-up

**A**IDAN O'BRIEN, the trainer of Second Empire, yesterday defended Christy Roche's controversial ride which saw the winter ante-post favourite for the Derby finish a disappointing third in the Irish 2,000 Guineas at The Curragh on Saturday.

The race, won by Desert Prince from Fa-Eq, has further clouded an already confusing Epsom Classic form picture.

O'Brien, for whom Kitza finished second yesterday behind Tarascon in the Irish 1,000 Guineas, said: "Everybody is human. That was just the way it happened on the day. It was a mess of a race. When the first two kicked the race was over. Christy thought there was no point in giving his horse a hard race to go and follow them."

Roche was also quick to defend himself. "I rode the horse like I ride all the good horses," he said. "He was near enough if good enough."

Second Empire was not fully fit for his first race of the year, and achieved nothing more than would have been gained by a decent gallop. Held up in last place off a modest early pace, he was given a few strides by Roche to make up half a dozen lengths on the winner. When the task seemed beyond his mount, however, Roche allowed him to cruise home in third place, mindful that the horse's preparation had been interrupted by a pulled muscle.

Afterwards the stewards held an inquiry into the running and riding of the 4-5 favourite, and noted the explanations of Roche and O'Brien that the horse had finished tired. Nonetheless, Second Empire would have given the winner a fight if Roche had ridden the horse closer to the pace in the early stages.

O'Brien also trains the 2,000 Guineas winner King Of Kings, who has been declared a probable for Epsom. Observers doubt that both horses will contest the world's most famous Classic but John Magnier, whose Coolmore Stud has an interest in both high-class colts, said of Second Empire: "All you want to do with a horse like that is win the Derby."

There will be more public clues to the race's outcome on June 6, but Paul Cole's Courtesies caught the eye in a private racecourse workout at Newbury on Saturday. The Thresher Classic Trial winner was accompanied by his useful older stable-mate Posidonas, and Courtesies appeared to be favouring Chantilly, which stages the French Derby on Sunday, "60-40" over Epsom and Chantilly, which stages the French Derby on Sunday.

Geoff Wragge must also decide between the two Classics. His Gulland is not suited by very fast ground and Wragge will walk the Epsom course tomorrow before making up his mind whether to send Gulland across the Channel or keep his Chester Vase winner for the Derby.

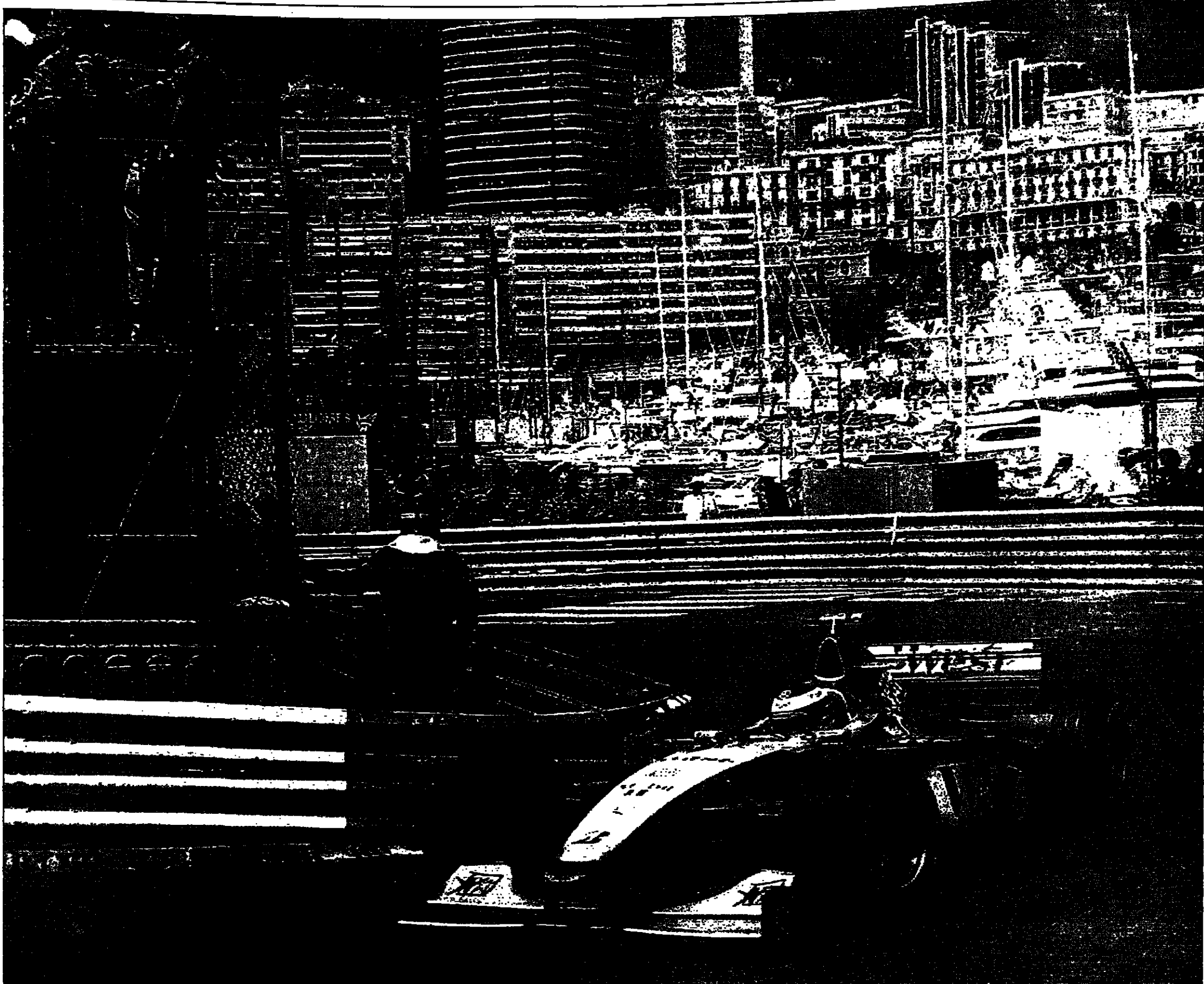
High-Rise will be put through his paces at Goodwood on Wednesday morning, and if he comes through his trial as expected Olivier Peslier, who rode Desert Prince on Saturday, will be in the saddle at Epsom. "He is a nice horse with a definite chance," said his trainer Luca Cumani, who sent out Kahyaal to win at Epsom in 1993.

Mutamam, surprisingly beaten by Rahab in the Epsom Stakes at Goodwood on Tuesday, will gallop at Newmarket on Wednesday and work on Saturday before Alec Stewart decides on his horse's participation.

Ladbrokes have taken Second Empire out of their Derby ante-post betting and offer King Of Kings as favourite at 4-1, with Michael Stoute's impressive York winner Greek Dance at 5-1.

Cape Verdi, the heroine of the 1,000 Guineas, is 9-4 with a run. The Godolphin filly has the Oaks a week on Friday as an alternative, and the form of her Classic and the form of the Irish 1,000 Guineas yesterday. No decision is expected until the end of the week.







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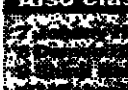





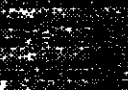





Dream drive... a jubilant Hakkinen left his struggling rivals Coulthard and Schumacher behind and earned a chance to ease up in the closing stages of the treacherous Monaco Grand Prix. PHOTOGRAPH BY JEROME DELAY

## Hakkinen streets ahead

### Full results from Monte Carlo

	<b>1</b>	<b>Mika Hakkinen (Finland)</b> McLaren-Mercedes Time: 1:51:22.535 Average speed: 97.502mph
	<b>2</b>	<b>Damon Hill (UK)</b> Williams 13.475 sec behind
	<b>3</b>	<b>Michael Schumacher (Germany)</b> Ferrari +41.378
	<b>4</b>	<b>David Coulthard (Scotland)</b> Benetton +1:00.363
	<b>5</b>	<b>Jacques Villeneuve (Canada)</b> Williams 1 lap
	<b>6</b>	<b>Pedro Diniz (Brazil)</b> Arrows 1 lap

Also classified	Not classified
 Damon Hill (UK)  Michael Schumacher (Germany)  David Coulthard (Scotland)  Jacques Villeneuve (Canada)  Pedro Diniz (Brazil)	 Bernardini  Bertrand  Bourdais  Braz  Burt

Drivers' championship after six rounds

Constructors' championship

James Mitchell in Monte Carlo witnesses a rewarding day's racing for Salo and Diniz

**M**IKA SALO does not get many chances to show that he shares more than a first name with his countryman Mika Hakkinen, but yesterday's grand prix was a reminder that there is more than one fast Finn in Formula One.

Salo is one of the sport's most under-used talents and, despite leaving Tyrrell to join the ambitious Arrows team, he had looked on course for another season of unfulfilled promise. But fourth in the most demanding race of the year underlined the view that not only does the genial 31-year-old deserve a seat in a top team, but that the team owner Tom Walkinshaw's claim that he will be leading a front-running team within

### Alan Henry sees the McLaren driver benefit from Schumacher's erratic performance

**M**IKA HAKKINEN'S perfect drive to victory through the streets of Monaco was not just another glittering entry in the McLaren-Mercedes record book but could also have been the moment when the softly-spoken Finn made his break for the 1998 World Championship.

With his key rivals David Coulthard, his McLaren team-mate, and Michael Schumacher both failing to increase their points tally, Hakkinen ended the day 17 points ahead of the Scot.

"I have competed here on seven occasions and have never before finished the race," he said. "To win in Monaco is every driver's dream and to have achieved that today is something very special."

In the final stages Hakkinen had sufficient advantage to ease his pace and conserve the car. Earlier he had tapped a barrier at the tight Rascasse hairpin before the pits and was concerned lest the McLaren had suffered suspension damage.

In fact, he had no reason to worry and took the chequered flag 11.4sec ahead of the impressive Giancarlo Fisichella, who drove his Benetton with great aplomb, despite a harrowing spin, to beat Eddie Irvine's Ferrari into third place by more than half a minute.

Starting from pole position, Hakkinen just squeezed Coulthard on the crucial 300-metre sprint to the Derviere, the tricky off-camber right-hander which leads up the hill towards Casino Square. Thereafter he never looked back, trading fastest laps with his team-mate until Coulthard's engine blew up mid-way round the 18th lap. "At the start I tried to see if I could squeeze around the outside of Mika on the first corner," said Coulthard, "but I ran out of space and decided to drop back and assess the situation."

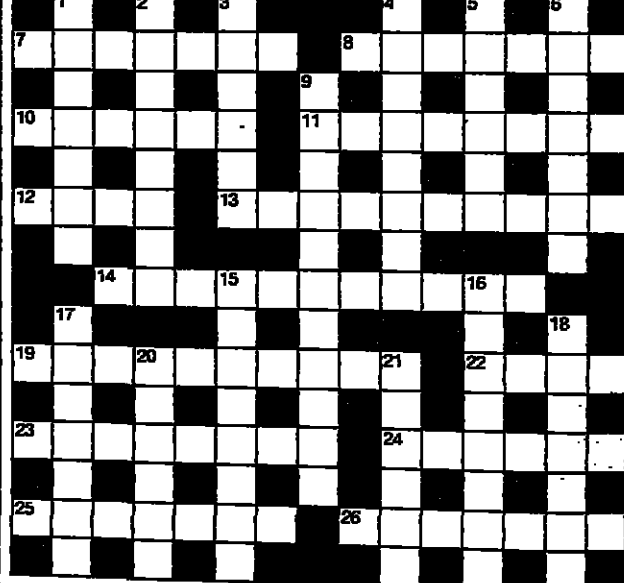
"I felt good and started to close on Mika again but my engine blew and that was it, race over."

As if that was not enough, Hakkinen got a double bonus when Schumacher produced an uncharacteristically erratic performance which ended on lap 30 with a vigorous bargaining match with Alexander Wurz's Benetton as they battled for second.

As they lapped a slower group Schumacher dived for the inside line, under-braking for the first-gear Loews hair-

### Guardian Crossword No 21,283

Set by Rufus



#### Across

- To fall back is a mistake by soldiers (7)
- Teach me to twist the knife (7)
- A way to complete a sentence or any allotted time (6)
- Dicky, Interpol star (8)
- Flat race not completed (4)
- It enabled Queen Victoria to stick to her post (5,5)
- Looking for scraps? (11)
- In anticipation, man takes court action, hoping the judge will be this (4,2,4)
- His victims lose heart (4)
- Reaction feared by a galley slave? (6)
- Sort of revenue not collected from coastal areas? (6)
- Celebrity beaming foolishly (3,4)
- Cut in deposit renegotiated (7)

#### Down

- Book is in stock (7)
- Waiting without complaint for a game (8)
- Exhausted when given high level employment (4,2)
- The fiscal system makes allowances for him (8)
- It's sensationally exciting (6)
- Pull out in time (7)
- Sign writing (11)
- War-time women trained to drill (4,4)
- Unnecessary to curtail one's requirements (8)
- Country has a craze to support Rugby Union (7)
- Strong wind wrenched a door half off (7)
- Gift vouchers all right in smaller packs of cigarettes? (6)
- A newspaper leader (6)

WINNERS OF PRIZE PUZZLE 21,276

This week's winners of a Collins English Dictionary are: L. H. Garrett of Billerica, Essex; Mrs L. Kedge of Wigan, Lancs; Mrs W. Holt of S. Croydon, Surrey; Paul Machin of London; and Jack and Alissa Smith of Robertsbridge, East Sussex.

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